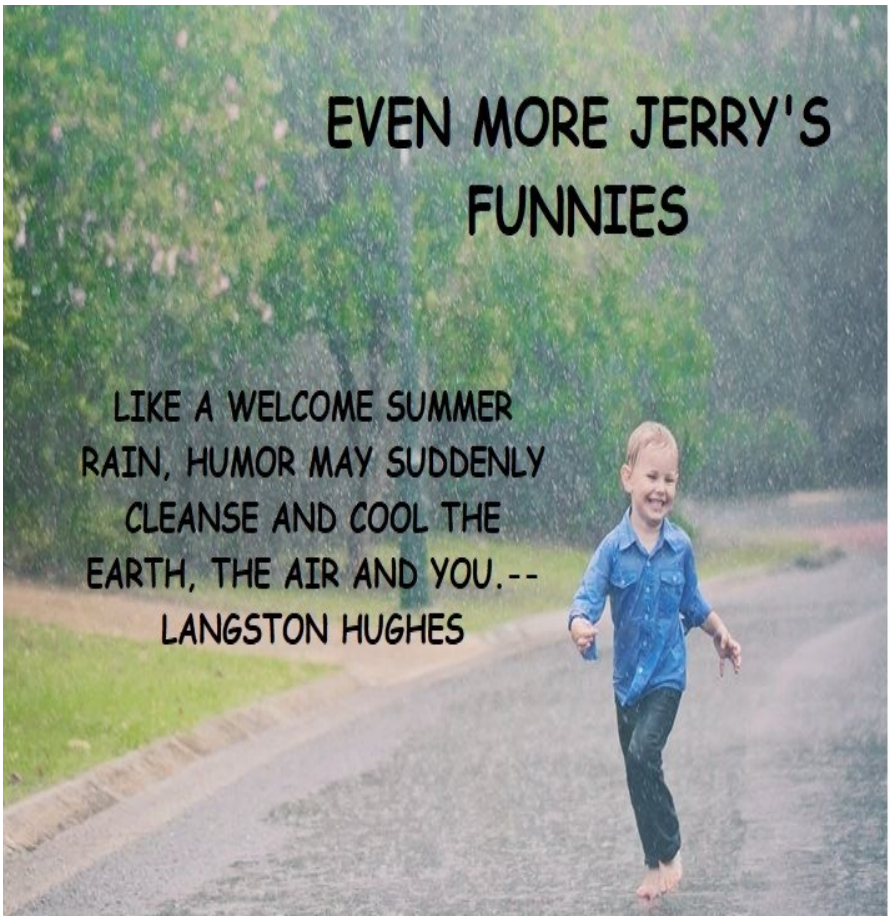


An old man crashed his car into a very expensive automobile. The owner of the expensive automobile jumps out and confronts the old man and says “Give me $10,000 cash or I will beat you to a pulp!”

The old man replies, “Woah wait buddy, I don’t have that much money but let me call my son, he trains dolphins.”

The old man dials his son as he is about to speak the owner of the expensive car yanks the phone out of his hand and says “So you train dolphins, well your old man just hit and damaged my car, you bring me $10,000 or I’m gonna beat the heck outta him and you!”

The son answers “Okay, give me 15 minutes and I’ll be there.” In exactly 15 minutes the son pulls up in a Jeep, ten men jump out and beat the hell out of the expensive car owner.

Meanwhile the son walks over to his father and says “Dad I train Navy Seals not dolphins"

DRUNK DRIVER: After the accident, I told the police officer I thought the driver of the other vehicle was drunk. He told me the other vehicle was a cow.

UGLY SUIT

When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged, but before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk had some very good news for him.

"Guess what, sir?" the clerk said. "I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!"

"Do you mean that repulsive pink-and-blue double-breasted thing?!" the manager asked.

"That's the one!"

"That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That had to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me, why is your hand bandaged?"

"Oh," the clerk replied, "after I sold the guy that suit, his seeing-eye dog bit me."

WHEN RIOTERS START ATTACHING POLICE SERVICE HORSES, YOU GO FOR PLAN B

VIOLIN

When my daughter, Laura, was three, she wanted a violin for her upcoming birthday more than anything in the world. We were successful in finding one for her. She unwrapped the instrument with great pleasure, then tucked it under her tiny chin, serious and solemn. She slowly ran the bow across the strings, and there was a squeal of discord. She looked up at us in surprise. "Where's the music?" she asked.

LOWREY'S LAW: When you find the solution to your problem, you've just changed the problem.

It's about that time of year when other women look cute in their flannel shirts, and I look like I've misplaced my axe.

Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at work in his studio. The burglar got away, but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like. On the basis of his drawing, the police arrested a mother superior a washing machine, and the Eiffel Tower.

PRO TIP: NAPPING

If you want to nap while the kids are home, just say, “Wake me up in 30 minutes so we can clean the house.”

They will then do literally anything to avoid waking you.

Potatoes make French fries, chips, and vodka. It’s like the other vegetables aren’t even trying.

A Texan boards a plane in Minneapolis bound for DFW. Seated next to him is nervous man, chewing his nails. The Texan says, "Are you nervous about flying?" The man says "No, I just learned I am being transferred to Dallas, and I have never been to Texas. I hear everybody carries a gun, crime is high, and schools are terrible." The Texans grins and says "Don't worry partner, that's all on TV. I've lived in Texas all my life, and it's a wonderful state. Your family will settle in just fine." The Minnesotan smiled and said "Thanks, I feel a lot better. By the way, what do you do in Texas?" The Texan replied "I'm a tail gunner on a milk truck."

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT GUNS

After leaving the Army, I applied for a hunting permit but was told I would first need to take a hunter's safety course.

"I'm a veteran, trained in handling firearms," I said. "Why wouldn't I get a waiver?"

The clerk replied, "Because we teach you ***not*** to shoot people."

Backside of mom's gravestone. Everytime someone asked for her cookie recipe, she said, "Over my dead body!"
Mom's Christmas Cookies
Cream: 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup oleo
Add: 2 beaten eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Add: 3 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
Add alternately with 1 cup cream.
Chill and roll out with flour.
Bake 350 degrees oven, and frost.

COMPUTER LAW: When you get to the point where you are really comfortable with operating your computer, it's obsolete.

USED CAR AD: Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first!

A RUFF PART OF TOWN

Our normally sweet Great Dane has one quirk: She hates United Parcel Service drivers. While walking her one day, we came upon a guy delivering a package. Struggling to keep hold of her, I joked, “As you can see, she just loves UPS men.”

Circumnavigating us, he muttered, “Don’t you feed her anything else?”

SOFTWARE JOKE: There are 10 types of people in this world: those who understand binary, and those who don't.

Cross country skiing is easier if you live in a small country.

My friend forgot his laptop on the floor of my room. My grandma thought it was a scale. Conclusion: My grandma weighs $950.

HOW MANY?

Actually, it only takes one drink to get me loaded, but the trouble is I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or fourteenth. —George Burns

In case you can’t read it, the back of this truck says:
OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE SITS 63 FEET AHEAD.

RAILROAD INTERVIEW

Benny wanted a job as a signalman on the railways. At his interview, the inspector asked him this question:

"What would you do if you saw 2 trains heading for each other on the SAME track?

Benny replied," I would change the switch for one of the trains."

"Good. But what if the lever broke?", asked the inspector.

"Then I'd run down to the signal box", said Benny, "and use the manual lever there."

"What if lightning struck it?' asked the inspector.

"Then..." Benny continued, "I'd run back into signal box & phone the next signal box."

"What if the phone was busy?"

"Well.....in that case," persevered Benny, " I'd rush down out of the box & use the public emergency phone at the level crossing up there..."

"What would you do if THAT was vandalized?"

"Oh, well then I'd run into the village & get my Uncle Toby."

This bizarre response puzzled the Inspector, so he asked, "And just why would you do that??"

"Because Uncle Toby... He's never seen a train wreck!!"

AUTO REPAIR SERVICE AD: Free pickup and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

HOUSE OF NIGHT

My favorite spot at our local zoo is the House of Night, where nocturnal creatures crawl and fly about. One very bright day, I stepped into the exhibit and was plunged into total darkness. Almost immediately, a small hand grabbed mine.

"And who do you belong to?" I asked. His answer came swiftly: "I'm yours till the lights come on."

SECURITY SYSTEM

When a neighbor's home was burglarized, I decided to be more safety conscious. But my measly front-door lock wasn't going to stop anyone, so I hung this sign outside: "Nancy, don't come in. The snake is loose. Mom."

The preview of the Johnny Carson show said that one guest was going to be Marcel Marceau. Jayne said, "I bet he has a lot to say."

NEW TERM DEFINED: Irish guacamole—mashed potatoes.

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, FOLKS!

The police should have known that he might be older, but he's not any slower!

83-year-old Phillip was just going to bed, when his 81-year-old wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garage, which she could see from the bedroom window.

Phillip opened the back door to go turn off the light, but he then saw that there were 3 men breaking into his garage.

He called the police and said, "Get over here quickly, there's 3 burglars trying to break into my garage on Maple Drive!"

The dispatcher replied, “I see, sir. Is your garage detached from your house?”

He said, “Yes, but never mind that, these bastards are breaking in and stealing from me!”

The police dispatcher said, “All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and stay indoors. An officer will be along when one is available.”

Phillip said, “Okay.”

He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he called the police again. “Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my garage. Well, you don’t have to worry about them anymore, because I just shot them,” and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six police cars, a SWAT team, a helicopter, a paramedic, and an ambulance showed up at the old man’s residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the police officers said to Phillip, “I thought you said that you’d shot them!”

Phillip replied, “I thought you said there was nobody available!”

TOUGH TEACHER

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all.

On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth!

SIGH

When my father ran out of gas, he called my mother to pick him up in her car. They went to a gas station, filled a gas can, and returned to his car. After a few minutes, he got into her car again.

"We need to go back to the gas station," he said.

"One gallon wasn't enough?" she asked.

"It would have been if I'd put it in the right car."

My young coworkers asked me to show them pictures of me in high school. I said I'd go home and dig some out.

They said, "Can't you just look on your phone?"

Then I laughed and laughed, and laughed till I cried.

My wife is in the house singing right now. And I'm sitting outside so everyone knows I'm not hurting her.

Give me golf clubs, fresh air, and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air. —Jack Benny

CONFERENCE CALL

During a conference, I was pleasantly surprised to be seated next to a very handsome man. We flirted casually through dinner, then grew restless as the dignitaries gave speeches. During one particularly long-winded lecture, my new friend drew a # sign on a cocktail napkin. Elated, I wrote down my phone number. Looking startled for a moment, he drew another # sign, this time adding an X to the upper-left-hand corner.

ON SLEEP TRAINING

"There are two philosophies when it comes to getting young children to sleep. There is 'sleep training,' which basically involves putting your kids to bed and listening to them scream all night; or there is 'attachment parenting,' which essentially involves lying down with your kids, cuddling them, and then listening to them scream all night."

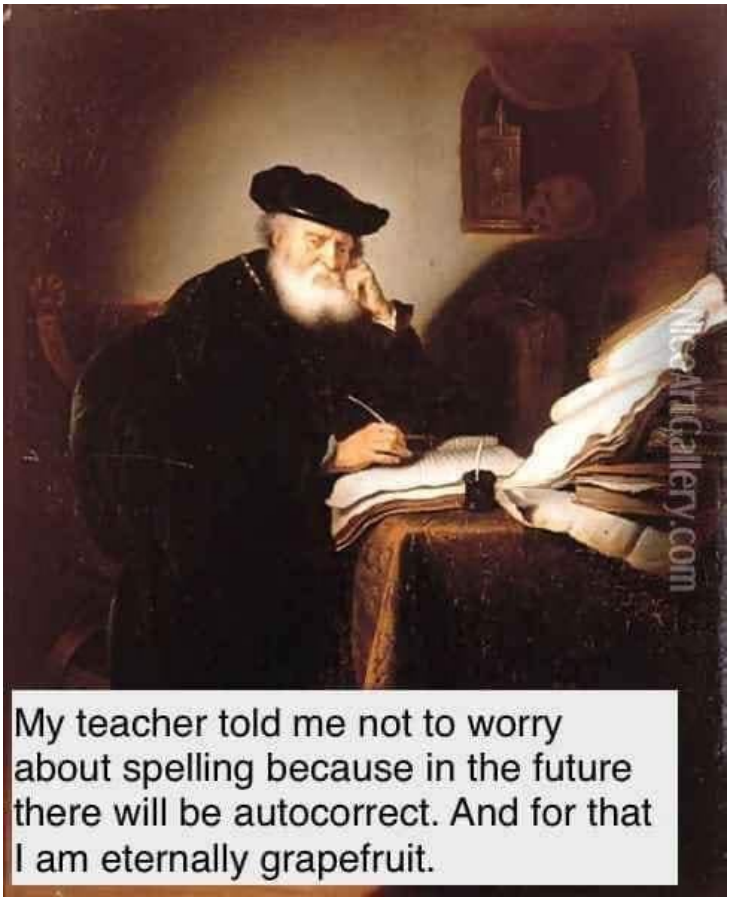
COLLEGE PLANS

A mother and father were chatting with their eight-year-old son about his future. The youngster said he'd like to attend Cornell, as his parents and other members of the family had.

Pleased with his response, they pressed on. "What would you like to take when you attend college?" they asked the little boy.

After giving it some thought and glancing around the kitchen, he replied, "The refrigerator, if you can get along without it."

I hate it when people try to act so cultured and talk about Mozart when they’ve never even seen one of his paintings.


My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect. And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

You know you work in Corporate America in the 2000s if you've sat at the same desk for 4 years and worked for three different corporations. .

OLDSTER'S LAMENT

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

My wife and I were waiting in our car for our dinner from a take-out restaurant when a very tall woman got out of a nearby car and walked in front of us as she walked to the restaurant.

My wife said, "She's TALL, you better not mess with her."

I said, "I won't mess with her, but not because I'm afraid of her."

My wife said, "So I'm just your little chihuahua that snaps at your ankles?"

I said, "It's not my ankles that I worry about."

LIZZARD WARNING
4AM SATURDAY TO
ON SUNDAY
OH NO! NOW IT'S LIZZARDS.

WINTER CONDITIONS
DRIVE WITH CAKE

HER FAVORITE CANDY

Our phone rang late one night, and my wife Nancy picked it up. She said, "KitKat," and hung up.

"Who was that?"

"Some boy for Carolyn," she said, referring to our daughter.

"What now?" I asked.

"He plans to ask Carolyn to the prom and wanted to know what her favorite candy is. He's going to put the invitation into a candy basket."

The next morning a basket of candy was on our porch.

"But, Mom," our daughter protested when she heard the story, "KitKat isn't my favorite candy."

"I know," Nancy said. "It's mine."

The other night I was lying in bed, looking up at the stars, and I wondered, “Where the hell is my roof?”

DAD JOKE: I never thought orthopedic shoes would really work for me. But I stand corrected.

GASMAN’S FOOT RACE

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood.

They parked their truck the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house, a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter.

Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger co-worker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong.

Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I saw two men from the gas company running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"

I went to visit a psychic. I knocked on her front door and she yelled, “Who is it?” So I left.

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have started asking humans to prove that they are not robots.

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Driving along a country road, I ignored a “Bridge Out” sign and continued on. But in a few miles I came to a stop: The road was completely barricaded. So I turned around and retraced my route. That's when I saw this sign on the back of the first: "It was, wasn't it?"

GROCERY STORE MIXED MESSAGE

(OR “SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY”)

The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won’t be laughing at Christmas when there’s no eggs under the tree.

DIET BUDDIES

My friend Kimberly announced that she had started a diet to lose some pounds she had put on recently. "Good!" I exclaimed. "I'm ready to start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. When I feel the urge to drive out and get a burger and fries, I'll call you first."

"Great!" she replied. "I'll ride with you."

I just got a job at Comcast and completed training so I could fix my own cable because I was faster that being on hold with customer service.

I wonder what the part of my brain that used to store people's phone numbers is doing right now.

Mine is trying to remember all the passwords that I created recently for my electronic devices and web sites.

A husband decided to install a light switch in the master bedroom. Cutting into the wall, he discovered a stash of bottles and boxes.

Honey!" he called excitedly. "Come see what I found!"

The wife ran in and quickly realized that his next task would be to fix the hole he had made in the back of our medicine cabinet.

We keep a potato masher in this drawer because sometimes it’s fun not to be able to open the drawer.

GROWN CHILD’S APOLOGY

Mom, I’ sorry for all the dumb stuff I did when I was younger. If it helps, you known only about half of it.

PRAYER ANSWERED

A woman hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car, and found that she had locked her keys inside.

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked, if she needed help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in the car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?”

He said, “Sure.”

He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open. She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The biker heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!”

I've been using this as a water bottle for about a month now. I kinda love the judging eyes it gets me at the gym
HERSHEY'S
GENUINE
SYRUP

BANANAS

As part of the admission procedure in the hospital where I work, I ask the patients if they are allergic to anything. If they are, I print it on an allergy band placed on the patient's wrists.

Once when I asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies, she said she couldn't eat bananas. Imagine my surprise when several hours later a very irate son came out to the nurses' station demanding, "Who's responsible for labeling my mother 'bananas'?"

SAILORS' JARGON

My friend John and I, determined to see the world, signed on a Norwegian freighter as deckhands. We were being trained as helmsmen, and John's first lesson was given by the mate, a seasoned but gentle white-haired seafarer.

John was holding the heading he had been given, when the mate ordered, "Come starboard."

Pleased at knowing immediately which way starboard was, John left the helm and walked over to his instructor.

The mate had an incredulous look on his face as the helm swung freely, but he merely asked politely, "Could you bring the ship with you?"

WHO IS SHE?

PROBLEM SOLVED?

A flight was delayed due to snow on the runway, a woman complained saying, "Damn it, this happens every year, why don't they put a roof over the runway or something".

PROPER DISPOSAL

While rummaging through her attic, my friend Kathryn found an old shotgun. Unsure about how to dispose of it, she called her parents. "Take it to the police station," her mother suggested.

My friend was about to hang up when her mother added, "And Kathryn?"

"Yes, Mom?"

"Call first."

We just had a guy come into our auto parts store asking if
we sold longer dipsticks, because his doesn't reach his oil anymore.

GREAT PREMONITION

Neil Armstrong's mother often said, "Neil has no more business taking flying lessons than the man in the moon."

TRAVEL AGENT SOLUTION

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am.

I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

BAD HEADLINES (INEPTITUDE OR COMEDY?)

- March Planned For Next August
- Blind Bishop Appointed To See
- Lingerie Shipment Hijacked--Thief Gives Police The Slip
- L.A. Voters Approve Urban Renewal By Landslide
- Patient At Death's Door--Doctors Pull Him Through
- Latin Course To Be Canceled--No Interest Among Students, Et Al.
- Diaper Market Bottoms Out
- Croupiers On Strike--Management: "No Big Deal"
- Stadium Air Conditioning Fails--Fans Protest
- Lawyers Give Poor Free Legal Advice
- Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years
- Never Withhold Herpes Infection From Loved One
- Cancer Society Honors Marlboro Man
- Nicaragua Sets Goal to Wipe Out Literacy
- Autos Killing 110 a Day--Let's Resolve to Do Better
- 20-Year Friendship Ends at Altar
- Half of U.S. High Schools Require Some Study for Graduation
- Blind Woman Gets New Kidney from Dad She Hasn't Seen in Years
- Defendants Speech Ends in Long Sentence
- Stiff Opposition Expected to Casketless Funeral Plan
- Collegians are Turning to Vegetables

- Hershey Bars Protest
- County Officials to Talk Rubbish
- Caribbean Islands Drift to Left

NO ID NEEDED

A woman went into a hardware store to purchase a bale of peat moss.

She gave a personal check in payment and said to the clerk, "I suppose you will want some identification."

He replied, without hesitation, "No ma'am, that won't be necessary."

"How come?" asked the woman.

The clerk answered, "Crooks don't buy peat moss."

When you're in jail, a good friend will be trying to bail you out. A best friend will be in the cell next to you saying, "Damn, that was fun."—Groucho Marx

DO ANOTHER PERSON A FAVOR

A man calls a radio deejay and says, “I've found a wallet with a thousand dollars inside. There's also a card that says ‘Jan Ziegler, 2551 Elm Street Wilsonville, CA.’ ”

“So?” says the deejay. “What do you want us to do?”

The man replies, “Would you be so kind as to play the man a song?”

MAN WATCHING GOLF REALIZES TV HAS BEEN PAUSED FOR 20 MINUTES

PERMISSION TO MARRY?

An aspiring young actor asked a young lady's father if he could have his daughter's hand in marriage. The father said, "I would never let my daughter marry an actor."

The actor said, "Sir, I think you may change your mind if you see me perform. Won't you at least come and see the play?"

So the father went to see the play, and the next day he called the actor, "You were right. I did change my mind. Go ahead and marry my daughter. You're no actor."

COLOR BLIND

Driving across the country, my husband and I were admiring one beautiful old Southern town while stopped at a red light. We sat there taking in the elegant storefronts, the beautiful trees and other sights, not noticing that the light had turned green and back to red again. It was then that a police officer walked up to the car and tapped on my husband's window. "That's all the colors we got here," he drawled.

AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

WEATHER FORECAST HITS AND MISSES

The phone rings at the weather forecaster’s house. His wife answers and says to the caller, “Sorry he can’t come to the phone. He’s shoveling six inches of partly cloudy off the driveway.

How to predict the weather in Seattle: If you can see Mount Rainier, it’s going to rain. If not, it already is.

RULE NUMBER ONE FOR ROOFERS: If you fall, you’re fired before you hit the ground.

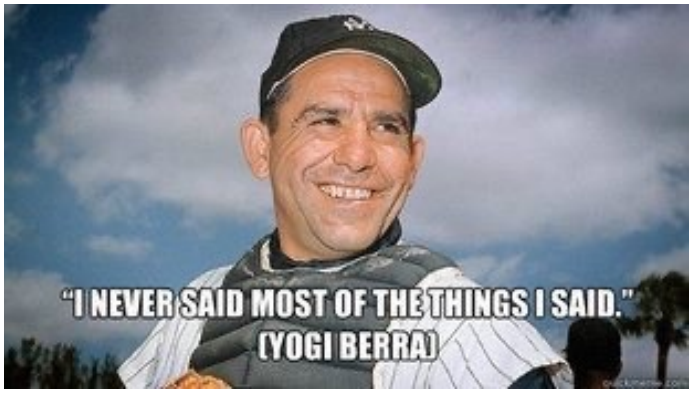
GRANDMA’S COLOR PRACTICE

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

GREAT PERFORMANCE

About two o’clock one summer morning, my friend and her husband, who likes to sleep in his birthday suit, were awakened by a thunderstorm. They both dashed from the bed and began shutting windows. When her husband

got downstairs, he realized the umbrella on the patio table had been left open and gusts of wind were causing the table to teeter precariously near the glass doors. He figured it would take only a moment to run out and take the umbrella down, so he did not waste time fetching a robe. Once on the patio, however, he found the wind was stronger than he expected. Before he could close the umbrella, the wind lifted the shaft from the table and pulled it and him out into the yard. As he grappled with the umbrella, several flashes of lightning lit up the yard like a Broadway stage. Finally, he accomplished his mission and went back into the house, much to the relief of his wife, who had witnessed the entire episode. They had no sooner settled in bed than the phone rang. It was their neighbor, who said, “We just wanted to let Mary Poppins know how much we enjoyed the show.”



MARGARITA NIGHT

The other night I was invited out for a night with the “girls.” I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, “I promise!” Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easily. Around 3 a.m., a bit loaded, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed 3 times.

Quickly, realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him. (Even when totally smashed… 3 cuckoos plus 9 cuckoos totals 12 cuckoos = MIDNIGHT!)

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, I told him “MIDNIGHT” … he didn’t seem pissed off in the least.

Whew, I got away with that one! Then he said “We need a new cuckoo clock.” When I asked him why, he said, “Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said, “Oh, sh*t” cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat,

cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.

NOISE ABATEMENT

"Flight 1234," the control tower advised, "turn right 45 degrees for noise abatement."

"Roger," the pilot responded, "but we're at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?”

"Sir," the radar operator replied, "have you ever heard the noise a 727 makes when it hits a 747?"

The nice thing about Alzheimer’s is that you enjoy the same jokes again and again and again and again and again.....--Garrison Keillor

A coffin maker was on his way to deliver one of his coffins, in the process, his car broke down. Trying not to be late, he put the coffin on his head and began heading to his destination. A police officer saw him and told him to stop, so he asked, "Hey, what are you carrying and where are you going?" The man replied, "I do not like where I was buried so I am relocating." The policeman fainted.

PROFESSIONAL CADDY

My five-year-old nephew wanted to caddy for my brother's golf game.

"You have to count my strokes," my brother told him. "How much is six plus nine plus eight?"

"Five," answered the nephew.

"Okay," my brother said, "let's go."

Bill Keane, creator of the Family Circus cartoon strip tells of a time when he was penciling one of his cartoons and his son Jeffy said, "Daddy, how do you know what to draw?" I said, "God tells me."

Jeffy said, "Then why do you keep erasing parts of it?"

COMPANY SLOGANS

A class professor was giving a lecture on company slogans and was asking his students if they were familiar with them.

"Joe," he asked, "which company has the slogan, FLY THE FRIENDLY SKIES?"

Joe answered the correct airline.

"Brenda, can you tell me which company has the slogan, DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT?"

Brenda answered the correct credit card company with no difficulty.

"Now John, tell me which company bears the slogan, JUST DO IT?"

And John answered, "Mom."

A BIT OF AMBIGUITY

PARROT IN PERIL

My father's secretary was visibly distraught one morning when she arrived at the office and explained that her children's parrot had escaped from his cage and flown out an open window. Of all the dangers the tame bird would face outdoors alone, she seemed most concerned about what would happen if the bird started talking.

Confused, my father asked what the parrot could say.

"Well," she explained, "he mostly says, 'Here, kitty, kitty.'"

MEN AND WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT

WOMAN: Do I look fat?

FRIEND: No, you look great.

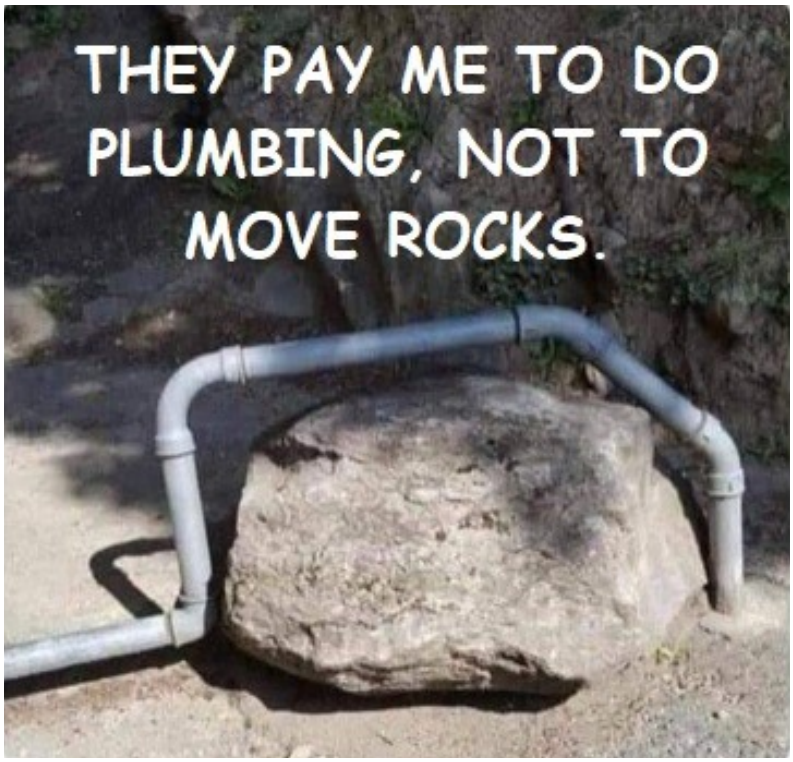
MAN: Do I look fat?

FRIEND: Bro, I have 4 fat friends and you're 3 of them.

SIGNS YOU ARE BROKE

- Long distance companies don't call you to switch.
- You finally clean your house, hoping to find change.
- All your kitchen condiments come from McDonalds.
- American Express calls and says: "Leave home without it!”

Some people claim that marriage interferes with romance. There’s no doubt about it. Anytime you have a romance, your wife is bound to interfere. —Groucho Marx



I went down to the paint store to get thinner. It didn’t work.

BE SURE AND CANCEL YOUR CREDIT CARDS BEFORE YOU DIE.

This is what customer service is like today. A lady died this past January, and Citibank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been $0.00, now is somewhere around $60.00. A family member placed a call to Citibank:

Family Member: "I am calling to tell you that she died in January."

Citibank: "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply."

Family Member: "Maybe, you should turn it over to collections."

Citibank: "Since it is two months past due, it already has been."

Family Member: So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?"

Citibank: "Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!"

Family Member: "Do you think God will be mad at her?"

Citibank: "Excuse me?"

Family Member: "Did you just get what I was telling you - the part about her being dead?"

Citibank: "Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor."

Supervisor gets on the phone:

Family Member: "I'm calling to tell you that she died in January."

Citibank: "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply."

Family Member: "You mean you want to collect from her estate?"

Citibank: (Stammer) "Are you her lawyer?"

Family Member: "No, I'm her great nephew." (Lawyer info given)

Citibank: "Could you fax us a certificate of death?"

Family Member: "Sure." (fax number is given)

After they get the fax:

Citibank: "Our system just isn't set-up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help."

Family Member: "Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care."

Citibank: "Well, the late fees and charges do still apply."

Family Member: "Would you like her new billing address?"

Citibank: "That might help."

Family Member: "Odessa Memorial Cemetery, Highway 129, Plot Number 69."

Citibank: "Sir, that's a cemetery!"

Family Member: "What do you do with dead people on your planet?

DEFENDER OF THE HOMELAND

A soldier went up to the Company Cook and said, "If you put a lid on the pan there'll be less dust and dirt in the food".

The cook, very annoyed, replied, "You mind your own business. Your duty is to defend the homeland!"

"That's right," said the soldier. "But my duty is to defend it, not to eat it."

HOUSEKEEPING HINT

Always keep several get-well cards on the mantel. That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean.

RECEIPT COLLECTION

A woman went to traffic violation court for speeding, lost the argument as it always happens, and paid the fine.

So the police clerk issued her a receipt for her payment of fine. The lady annoyed at her defeat in the court asked him curtly, "What am I supposed to do with this?"

"Keep it," the clerk advised politely. "When you get three of them, you get a bicycle, ma'am!"

KITTY LITTER

Living in a household with eight indoor cats requires buying large amounts of kitty litter, which I usually get in 25-pound bags—100 pounds at a time. When I was going to be out of town for a week, I decided to go to the supermarket to stock up. As my husband and I both pushed shopping carts, each loaded with five large bags of litter, a man looked at our purchases and queried, “Bengal or Siberian?”

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That’s no way to address an officer. Now, let’s try that again. Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, sir

WHAT’S THE STORY?

A few weeks back, I went to the hardware store and bought an ax to use on an overgrown shrub. I put the ax in a bag and went a few doors down to the grocery store, where I bought two bottles of wine. As the clerk placed the wine in the bag, he spotted the ax. “This,” he said, “has all the makings of a very interesting murder mystery.”

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WHAT ABOUT THIS FABRIC?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
DO YOU LIKE IT?
YES, IT'S NICE.
REALLY? DO YOU THINK IT'S NICER THAN THIS ONE?
WHICH ANSWER WILL GET ME OUT OF THIS FABRIC STORE QUICKER?
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SMART GUY

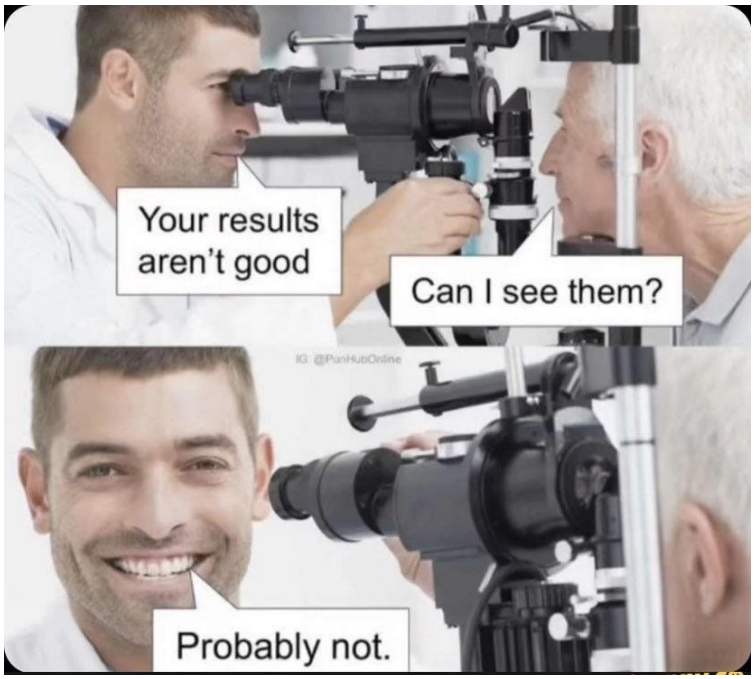
A co-worker returned after lunch carrying a dress from the cleaners. "Pretty," said one of the guys. "Big date tonight?"

"I picked it up for a friend," she replied, adding, "Do you really think I could fit in a tiny thing like this?"

Jerry smiled and said, "Do you really think I've lived this long by answering questions like that?"

ALL IN THE DEFINITION

During an antiharassment seminar at work, I asked, "What's the difference between harassment and good-natured teasing?" A co-worker shouted, "A million dollars."



TRADING INSULTS

1. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."-William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)
2. "Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)
3. "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison."--Lady Aster (to Winston Churchill)
4. "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."--Winston Churchill (to Lady Aster)
5. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." -George Bernard Shaw (to Winston Churchill)
6. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill (to George Bernard Shaw)

TELL TAIL

My friend Allison adopted a stray cat and took it to the vet to be neutered.

"I'm about 90 percent certain he's been fixed," the vet said.

"How can I be 100 percent?" Allison asked.

"Watch to see if he does any 'male' things."

"He already lies on the couch all day," she said. "If he starts hogging the remote, I'll bring him in."

TAKE A MESSAGE

A girl, who was not quite four years old, was alone in the house when the phone rang. She answered it and was told that Mr. Brown was calling. "I'm sorry, no one is here. Can I take a message?" she said.

Mr. Brown replied, "Certainly."

After a pause, Mr. Brown heard, "OK, I'm ready. Who did you say this is?"

"Mr. Brown."

"How do you spell Brown?"

"B-r-o-w-n."

A long pause, and then, "How do you make a B?"

If you get a call from an unidentified number, answer and whisper, “It’s done, but there’s blood everywhere,” and hang up.

GRAMMA, IS ROSCOE YOUR DOG OR GRAMPA'S DOG?
WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO FEEDS HIM, WATERS HIM, AND TAKES CARE OF HIM.
I SUPPOSE THAT MAKES HIM MINE.
IS THAT HOW YOU GOT GRAMPA?

HONEYMOON IN ENGLAND

On a visit to my wife's native England for our honeymoon, we arrived at London's Gatwick Airport.

Tania headed for the British passport control line while I, an American, waited in the foreigners' line. When my turn came, the customs officer asked me the purpose of my visit.

"Pleasure," I replied. "I'm on my honeymoon."

The officer looked first to one side of me, then the other. "That's very interesting, sir," he said as he stamped my passport. "Most men bring their wives with them."

ALWAYS THE ROMANTIC

Shortly before our 25th wedding anniversary, my husband sent 25 long-stemmed yellow roses to me at my office. A few days later, I plucked all the petals and dried them. On the night of our anniversary, I spread the petals over the bed and lay on top of them, wearing only a negligee.

As I'd hoped, I got a reaction from my husband.

When he saw me, he shouted, "Are those potato chips?"

GREAT GUARANTEE

A man had just arrived home after the successful implantation of a pacemaker.

Reading through the literature, he was delighted to learn that the instrument carried a lifetime guarantee.

HOW TO FAIL DRIVER'S ED

As I quizzed my driver's-education students about road signs, the one for Slow Moving Vehicle stumped them. So I offered them a hint by lifting the sign above my head and slowly parading up and down the room. One student thought he had it: "Wide load!" he called out.

MY HUSBAND SAID NO MORE DOGS, SO . . .

COMPLAINS SENT TO THOMAS COOK VACATIONS

- They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax.”
- “It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair.”

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

A job applicant was asked, "What would you consider to be your main strengths and weaknesses?"

"Well," he began, "my main weakness would definitely be my issues with reality—telling what’s real from what’s not."

"Okay," said the interviewer. "And what are your strengths?"

"I’m Batman."

FLOOD PREDICTION

Meteorological experts predicted a massive flood that would destroy the world.

The Pope went on worldwide TV and said, "This is punishment from God. Prepare to meet your maker."

The president went on TV and announced, "Our scientist have done all they can. The end is near."

The mayor of Seattle came on and said, "Due to inclement weather, this year's Seafair Parade will be moved to the top of Queen Anne Hill."

While attending an open house, my wife was taken with the home’s modern features, especially the central vacuum system installed within the walls. But she had a practical question: "What do you do when all the walls fill up?"

When someone tells you that something defies description, you can be pretty sure he’s going to have a go at it anyway.

House for rent: 5 minutes to the beach. 8 seconds if you fall.

SMART DOG

A wife says to her husband one weekend morning, "We've got such a clever dog. He brings in the daily newspapers every morning."

Her husband replied, "Well, lots of dogs can do that."

The wife responded, "But we've never subscribed to any papers!"

GOOD EXPERIENCE

When a woman applies for a job at a citrus grove, the foreman asks, "Do you have any experience picking lemons?"

"Well," she answers, "I've been divorced three times."

OOPS

Man: Just look at that young person with the short hair and blue jeans. Is it a boy or a girl?

Bystander: It's a girl. She's my daughter.

Man: Oh, please forgive me, sir. I had no idea you were her father.

Bystander: I'm not. I'm her mother.

I can’t think of anything worse after a night of drinking than waking up next to someone and not being able to remember their name, or how you met, or why they’re dead.

UNIVERSAL SOLVENT

"The father was very proud when his son went off to college. He came to tour the school on Parents' Day and observed his son hard at work in the chemistry lab. "What are you working on?" he asked.

"A universal solvent," explained the son, "a solvent that'll dissolve anything."

The father whistled, clearly impressed, then wondered aloud, "What'll you keep it in?"

I saw a guy on his motorcycle, and the back of his shirt said, “If you can read this, the wife fell off.”

NOTE ON JOB APPLICATION

"Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job hopping.' I have never quit a job."

TWO VERY HELPFUL NOTICES

GREAT CHEESE

The customer in the Italian restaurant was so pleased with his meal that he asked to speak to the chef. The owner proudly led him into the kitchen and introduced him to the chef.

"Your veal parmigiana was superb," the customer said. "I just spent a month in Italy, and yours is better than any I ever had over there."

"Naturally," the chef said. "Over there, they use domestic cheese. Ours is imported!"

TO WHOM IT MAY REALLY CONCERN

My friend had been pounding the pavement in search of a job with no luck. Frustrated, she asked her dad to look at her résumé. He didn't get much further than the first line of her cover letter before spotting the problem.

"Is it too generic?" she asked.

"I doubt it," said her father.

"Especially since it's addressed 'Dear Sir or Madman.'"

Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew from work but I didn’t.

A guy came up to us, turned to me and said, “You must be his wife.”

I turned to my husband and said, “You have a WIFE!”

You should have seen the guy’s face.

PROPER INTRODUCTION

The night before she was to attend a celebrity golf tournament, my friend Irene went to a party in honor of the event. Several of the famous athletes who were playing in the tournament were at the door greeting guests. Among them was Joe Montana, the pro football Hall of Fame quarterback and Super Bowl winner. Shaking my friend's hand, he said, "Hi! Joe Montana."

She didn't know Joe Montana from Joe Six-Pack, so in all sincerity she extended her hand and said, "Irene. Minnesota."

A REALLY USEFUL TOOL

My favorite animal is the manatee, the sea cow. Have you ever seen that animal? The manatee is endangered, and I think it’s because it’s out of shape. It looks like a retired football player.

VALUE OF A SECOND LANGUAGE

A German, looking for directions in Paris, pulls up to a bus stop where two Americans are waiting.

"Entschuldigung, sprechen Sie Deutsch?" he asks. The two Americans just stare at hi

"Parlez-vous français?" he says.

The two continue to stare, so the German tries again "Parlate italiano?"

No response. "¿Hablan ustedes español?" Still nothing. Frustrated, the German guy drives off.

The first American says, "You know, we should learn a foreign language."

"Why?" asks the other. "He knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good."

I THINK IT’S TIME TO RE-POT THE CAT

BARE BONES MOVING

The orthopedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and his staff was helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat.

I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and explained, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office."

The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, lady," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

How do you tell when you’re out of invisible ink?

What did I do, officer?

HUGE CONFEDERATE ARMY

Early in the Civil War, when the Union armies were suffering repeated defeats, Abraham Lincoln was discussing the war situation with his cabinet.

"How many men do you estimate are in the Confederate army?" a cabinet member asked.

"About a million and a half," said Lincoln.

"That many?" said another member. "I thought the number was considerably less."

"So did I," said Lincoln, "but every time one of our generals loses a battle, he insists that he was outnumbered three to one - and we have about 500,000 men."

POPULAR TEAM

A buddy of mine, Mike, had season tickets to the Detroit Lions football games. Last year they had such a miserable record that he couldn't give away two tickets to a game he wasn't able to attend. While parking at a mall, he decided to leave the tickets under his windshield wiper. "And that worked?" I asked.

"Not exactly," said Mike. "I returned to find six more tickets to the same game."

MOM'S ADVICE

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.

"I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."

"What's wrong with that?" asked his mother.

"We hadn't started eating yet."

Circular Definition: see Definition, Circular.

THE PROPOSAL

There were two elderly people living in Trailer Estates, a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

One evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. The two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. "Yes. Yes, I will." The meal ended and, with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places.

Next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he inquired, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like.

"We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in.

At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Jerry: Johnny Carson has Marcel Marceau on tonight.
Jayne: I bet he has a lot to say.

NOT MY FAULT

A coworker stormed into my friend's office, yelling, "Did you tell Joan I was a witch?!" Stunned, my friend sputtered, "No! I don't know how she found out."

BEWARE OF DOG

As the stranger enters a country store, he spots a sign: "Danger! Beware of Dog!" Inside, he sees a harmless old hound asleep in the middle of the floor.

"Is that the dog we're supposed to beware of?" he asks the owner.

"That's him," comes the reply.

"He doesn't look dangerous to me. Why would you post that sign?"

"Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

FAULTY ALARM CLOCK—ALARM DIDN'T GO AT 9:00 AND NOW IT'S . . ..

YOU REALLY NEED A NEW DICTIONARY?

While I was assigned to the space shuttle program, my job included ordering supplies. One of the engineers requested a new dictionary. Following regulations, I asked him why he needed it.

I expected his answer to be "My old copy is lost" or "The cover is falling off." Instead he said, "My current edition defines spaceship as an 'imaginary aircraft.'"

He got his new dictionary.

SAFE ANSWER

There was a typo on a test I was taking. Instead of "(D) none of the above," it said "(D) one of the above." So I circled it.

ORGANIC VEGETABLES

The other day it was my turn to prepare dinner so I asked my wife to go over to the local market and buy some organic vegetables. She came back rather upset. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "I don't think I like that produce guy. I went and looked around for your organic vegetables and I couldn't find any. So I asked him where the organic vegetables were."

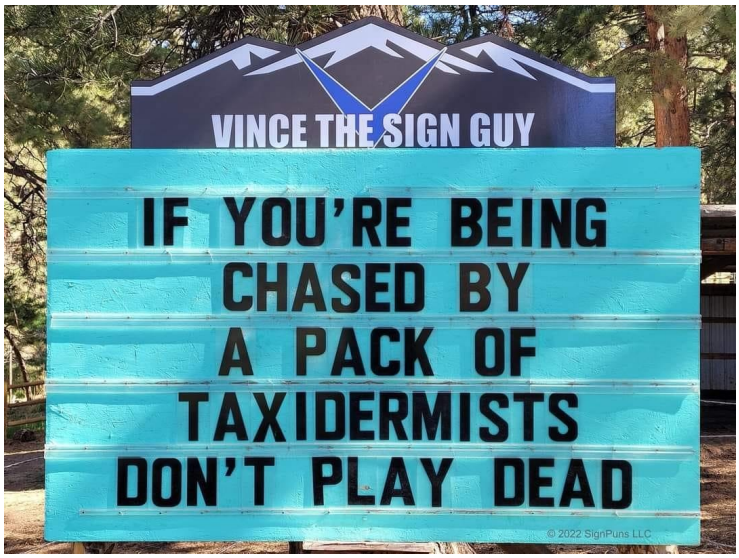
He didn't know what I was talking about, so I said, “These vegetables are for my husband. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?"

And he said, "No, ma'am. You'll have to do that yourself."

ADORING SON

I stole a couple of minutes from work to give my wife a call. She put my two-year-old son on, and we chatted a while before he ended it with an enthusiastic "I love you!"

"I love you too," I said, with a dopey grin plastered on my face. I was about to hang up when I heard him ask sweetly, "Mommy, who was that?"



PAST DUE BILL

A customer sent an order to a distributor for a large amount of goods totaling a great deal of money.

The distributor noticed that the previous bill hadn't been paid. The collections manager left a voice-mail for them saying, "We can't ship your new order until you pay for the last one."

The next day the collections manager received a phone call, "Please cancel the order. We can't wait that long."

HE DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH

Arrested on a robbery charge, our law firm's client denied the allegations. So when the victim pointed him out in a lineup as one of four men who had attacked him, our client reacted vociferously.

"He's lying!" he yelled. "There were only three of us."

Boss: I know it's your day off but we need you to come in.
Me: Can't, I've already started drinking.
Boss: But it's only 9am...
Me:
@officialworkmemes
Yeah, what's your point?

The problem with our gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

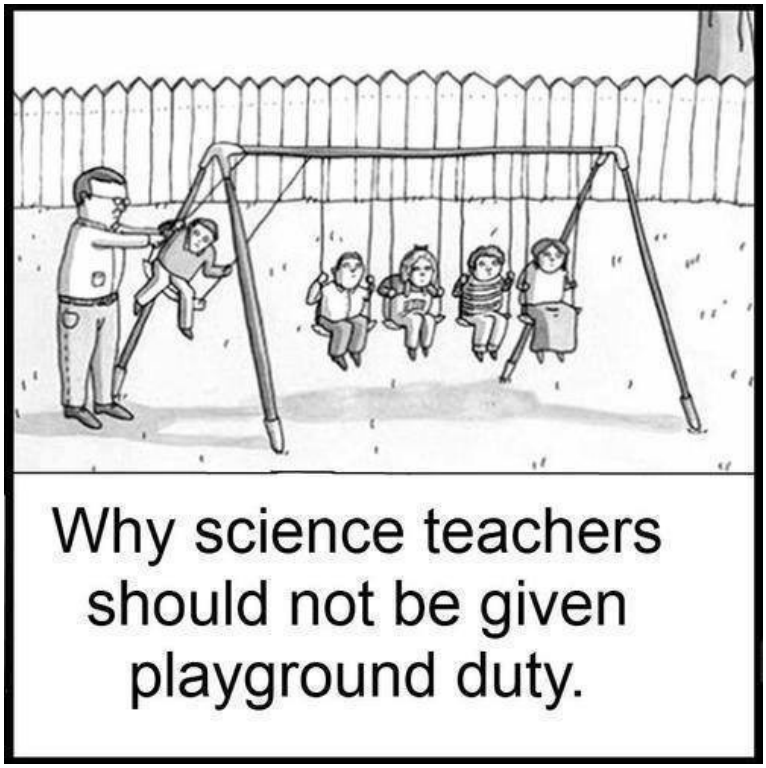
How many Boy Bands does it take to change a lightbulb?
We don't know – lightbulbs last longer than most Boy Bands!

NOISE MAKERS

With a party going full bore in the apartment above his, my friend could forget about getting any sleep. The next day, he spotted the offending party giver.

"Didn't you hear me pounding on the ceiling?" he asked.

The woman smiled pleasantly. "That's okay. We were making a lot of noise ourselves."



WOMEN’S TEE

It was a sunny Saturday morning, and Murray was beginning his pre-shot routine, visualizing his upcoming shot when a voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker - "Would the gentleman on the Ladies tee back up to the men's tee, please!"

Murray was still deep in his routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption.

Again the announcement - "Would the MAN on the WOMEN'S tee kindly back up to the men's tee!"

Murray had enough. He straightens up and shouts, "Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot?"

If you stop eating doughnuts, you will live three years longer, but it’s just three more years that you’ll crave doughnuts.

You want proof baseball players are smarter than football players? How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field? —Jim Bouton, Yankees Pitcher

I swear people go to Starbucks and just say random words . . .

"Lemme get a grande iced mocha no foam quad soy hexagon vortex hypothesis with steamed ice."

"I make mistakes; I'll be the second to admit it." —Jean Kerr, author

THE SIMPLE EXPLANATION

A father shows up at his daughter's home and finds his son-in-law angrily packing his bags. "What's wrong?" he asks.

"I texted my wife that I was coming home today from my golfing trip. And what did I find when I walked through the door? Her making out with Joe Murphy! I'm leaving!"

"Now, calm down," says his father-in-law. "There must be a simple explanation. I'll find out what happened." Moments later, he reappears. "I told you there was a simple explanation, and there is," he says. "She never got your text."

Why do they report power outages on TV?

ROUGHING IT

A friend and his wife were considering traveling to Alaska for a trip that the husband had long dreamed of taking. He kept talking about how great it would be to stay in a log cabin without electricity, to hunt moose, and drive a dog team instead of a car.

"If we decided to live there permanently, away from civilization, what would you miss the most?" he asked his wife.

She replied, "You."

Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.

WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

Giving a man his physical, a doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer, or any physical sport?"

"Not at all. I just play bridge with my wife."

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

A neighbor's 44-year-old sister was pregnant with twins. When her niece asked if she knew the genders, she said, "No. I want it to be a surprise."

"You're 44 and having twins," said her niece. "How much more surprise do you need in your life?"

Anyone who thinks women talk too much has never sat through a six-hour Super Bowl pregame show.

PARENTING HACK

Somehow, I've lucked out and have an eight-year-old who thinks secretly reading under the covers past her bedtime is an act of rebellion, and it hasn't yet occurred to her that her flashlights never run out of batteries.

You know the computer window that says "Are you sure you want to do this? OK/Cancel?" It's annoying on the computer, but I'd like it to pop up in my real life.

AWARD SHOWS

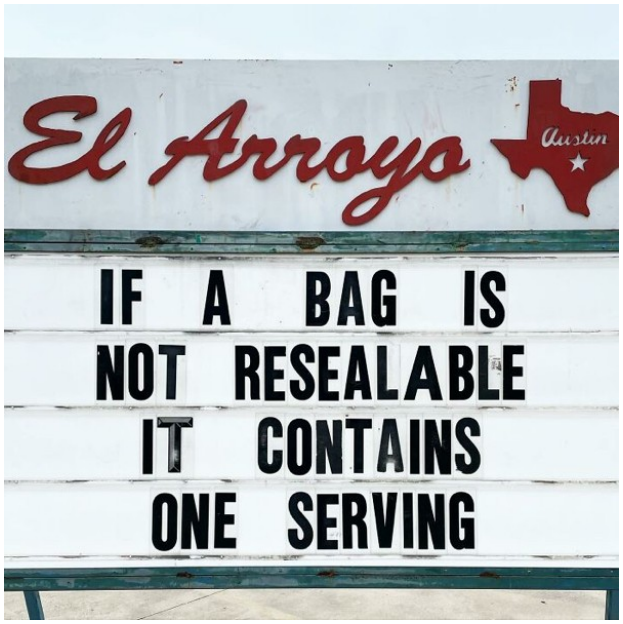
Can you believe how many award shows they have now? It seems like they have an award show for everything.

They even have awards for commercials! The Clio Awards, a whole show full of commercials.

I recorded it and then I fast-forwarded through the whole thing.

EVER THE ROMANTIC

As the music swelled during a recent wedding reception, my hopelessly romantic husband squeezed my hand, leaned in, and said, “You are better looking than half the women here.”



RIGHT ANSWER

Jack wakes up with a horrible hangover and a throbbing black eye. The first thing he sees is a single rose on the side table and a note from his wife: “Dear, breakfast is made. I’ve gone shopping to make you your favorite dinner tonight. I love you!”

He stumbles to the kitchen and, sure enough, there’s breakfast. “Joe,” he says to his son, “what happened last night?”

“You came home soused and got that black eye tripping over a chair.”

“So, why the rose, breakfast, and sweet note from your mother?”

“Oh, that. Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take off your clothes, you screamed, ‘Leave me alone, I’m married!’”

WRONG ANSWER

Every night, Harry goes out drinking. And every night, his wife, Louise, yells at him. One day, one of Louise's friends suggests that she try a different tack. "Welcome him home with a kiss and some loving words," she says. "He might change his ways."

That night, Harry stumbles back home as usual. But instead of berating him, Louise helps him into an easy chair, puts his feet up on the ottoman, removes his shoes, and gently massages his neck.

"It's late," she whispers. "I think we should go upstairs to bed now, don't you?"

"Might as well," says Harry. "I'll get in trouble if I go home."

ANOTHER WRONG ANSWER

While doing a crossword puzzle, I asked for my husband's help.

"The word is eight letters long and starts with m, and the clue is 'tiresome sameness.'"

"Monogamy," he answered.

ALIEN BAIT

My daughter-in-law Alma and grandson Eddy were digging for fishing bait in my garden. Uncovering a many-legged creature, Eddy proudly dangled it before his mother.

"No, honey, he won't do for bait," his mother said. "He's not an earthworm."

"He's not?" Eddy asked, his eyes wide. "What planet is he from?"

OVERHEARD AT OUR HOSPITAL

Phlebotomist: I'm here to draw some blood.

Patient: But I just received blood yesterday

Phlebotomist: You didn't think you'd get to keep it, did you?

ALL IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE

A woman dies and goes to heaven, and St. Peter is taking her on a tour of heaven. They pass a pit where there are people gnashing their teeth and wailing, and the woman says, “Who’s down there?”

St. Peter say, “Oh, those are the Catholics who ate meat on Fridays.”

They walk a little farther and see another pit with more gnashing and wailing, and she says, “Who’s down there?”

St. Peter says, “Those are the Baptists who went to dances.”

A little further along, there is another pit and people down there gnashing their teeth and crying and ripping their garments, and she says, “And these people?”

And St. Peter says, “Those are the Episcopalians who ate their salads with their dessert forks.”

WALKING AROUND WITHOUT PROTECTION

At the salon, I overheard the receptionist admit to another customer, "I haven't taken my vitamins today. I'm walking around unprotected."

The customer commiserated with her. "I haven't taken my Prozac today—everyone's walking around unprotected."

KIDS' WISDOM

- When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents. Matthew, Age 12
- Never ask for anything that costs more than five dollars when your parents are doing taxes. Carrol, Age 9
- When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. Heather, Age 16
- When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. Alyesha, Age 13
- Never dare your little brother to paint the family car. Phillip, Age 13

USUAL SUSPECT

While prosecuting a robbery case, I conducted an interview with the arresting officer. My first question: "Did you see the defendant at the scene?"

"Yes, from a block away," the officer answered.

"Was the area well lit?"

"No. It was pretty dark."

"Then how could you identify the defendant?" I asked, concerned.

Looking at me as if I were nuts, he answered, "I'd recognize my cousin anywhere."

[SMALL SIGN: This sign has RFID and GPS tracking.]

CROSS COUNTRY BIKER

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther.

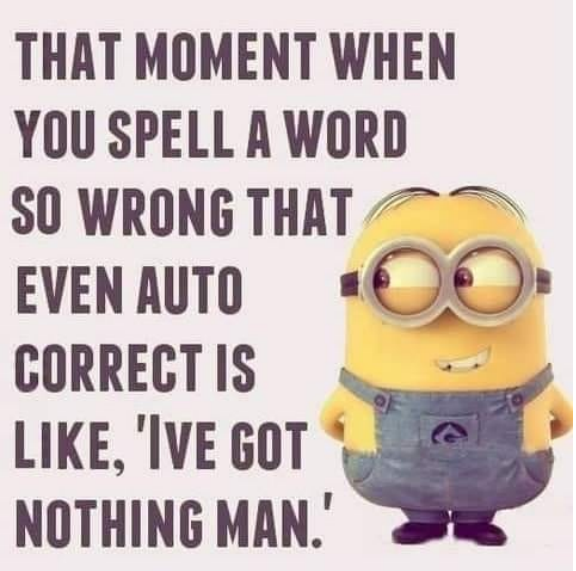
He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes--both going well over 120 mph--blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph.

He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."

COINCIDENCE?

After a day full of accidents and mistakes, my coworker had had it. "Why," she cried out in exasperation, "do things that happen to stupid people keep happening to me?!"



"Whenever I'm caught between two evils, I take the one I've never tried."--Mae West

MOUTH SURGERY

We were on our way to the hospital where our 16-year-old daughter was scheduled to undergo a tonsillectomy. During the ride we talked about how the procedure would be performed.

"Dad," our teenager asked, "how are they going to keep my mouth open during the surgery?"

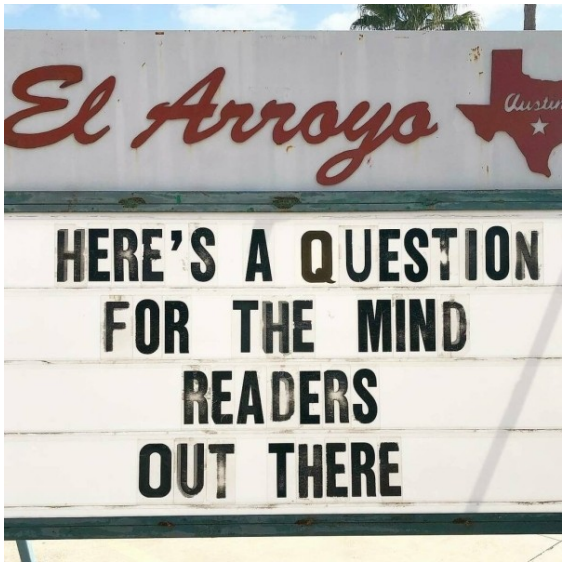
Without hesitation he quipped, "They're going to give you a phone."

AUTOMATICALLY INAPPROPRIATE

Most businesses like that our credit card machines automatically print "Thank you, please come again" at the bottom of receipts. Though one guy called to ask if I could take it off.

"Sure," I said. "But do you mind my asking why?"

"It just seems inappropriate," he answered. "We're a funeral home."



HOW TO DEAL WITH AN ERRANT BOSOM

Recently, a man stopped at my desk at the library asking for help: A woman had breast-fed her infant and forgotten to “tuck herself back in.”

I walked over to Lady Godiva and said, “Ma’am, I’m very sorry, but we don’t allow open drink containers in the library.”

HOTEL TIME-TRAVEL

A hotel minibar allows you to see into the future and find out what a can of Pepsi will cost in 2035.

BEACH DATE

Our first day at a resort my wife and I decided to hit the beach. When I went back to our room to get something to drink, one of the hotel maids was making our bed. I grabbed my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?"

"Sure," she said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms first."

IF WE WATCHED COOKING SHOWS THE WAY GUYS WATCH SPORTS

IMPRESSIONISM

A man commissioned Picasso to paint a portrait of his wife. Startled by the nonrepresentational image on the canvas, the woman's husband complained, "It isn't how she really looks."

When asked by the painter how she really looked, the man produced a photograph from his wallet.

Returning the photograph Pablo observed, "Small, isn't she?"

OOPS

My mother was standing in the aisle on the bus when she noticed that a man holding on to the same pole was staring at her. Finally, he said, “Excuse me. This is my stop.” “Well,” she said, “go ahead.” “This is my pole,” he said. My mother was confused until he added, “I just bought it at a store to hold up my shower curtain.

HIJACKED BUS: A crook tried to hijack a bus full of Japanese tourists. Fortunately the police had 5000 photographs of the suspect.

I was surfing through TV stations and started watched a TV show for about 10 minutes while a lady was listing all of these great things to do for fun. Finally I realized that it was one of those religious channels, and she was reading a list of sins.

When I see ads on TV with smiling, happy housewives using a new cleaning product, the only thing I want to buy is the medication they must be on.

HELP WANTED
EVERY ATHLETIC TEAM SHOULD HAVE
A MAN WHO PLAYS EVERY POSITION,
NEVER MAKES AN ERROR, AND
KNOWS JUST WHAT THE OPPOSITION
IS PLANNING... BUT SO FAR THERE'S
BEEN NO WAY TO GET HIM TO PUT
DOWN HIS POPCORN AND COKE TO
COME DOWN OUT OF THE STANDS!

MESSAGE PUZZLE

April was puzzled recently by the odd messages she kept getting on her voice mail. Day after day, all she'd hear, from friends, family, and customers alike, would be their message and then they'd ALL say, "BEEP."

We were talking about something else and I had her check her voice mail message to find something out. She discovered the solution to the BEEP riddle.

Her message said, "I'm not available right now, so, please leave a beep after the message."

PRESIDENTIAL QUIPS

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? --*Abraham Lincoln*

Give me a one-handed economist! All my economists say, “On the one hand ...on the other.” --*Harry Truman*

I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of a national emergency—even if I’m in a Cabinet meeting. --*Ronald Reagan*

Being president is like running a cemetery: You’ve got a lot of people under you, and nobody’s listening. --*Bill Clinton*

TOOK ME A FEW SECS TO GET THIS ONE

Three souls arrive before St. Peter at the pearly gates. St. Peter asks the first one, “What was your last annual salary?”

The soul replies, “$500,000. I was a trial lawyer.”

St. Peter asks the second one the same question.

The soul says, “$200,000. I was a realtor.”

Then St. Peter asks the third soul the same question.

The answer is “$12,000.”

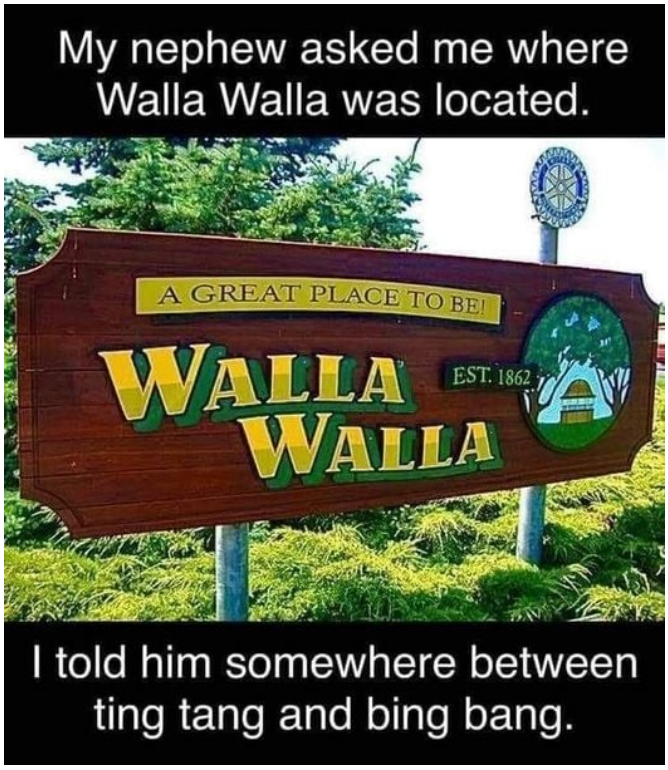
St. Peter immediately responded, “Cool! What instrument did you play?”

You know you are getting old when the clothes you used to wear are now a Halloween costume.

PERKS OF BEING ROUND

During a Pilates class, our thin teacher apologized to one of her larger students for blocking her view of herself in the mirror. “Don’t worry,” the woman said. “I can see myself on either side of you.”

OLD FOLKS SHOULD GET THIS ONE


My nephew asked me where Walla Walla was located.
A GREAT PLACE TO BE!
WALLA WALLA
EST. 1862
I told him somewhere between ting tang and bing bang.

OLD FOLKS SHOULD GET THIS ONE

A farmer goes into a store to buy chicken wire.

Farmer: I'd like 10 yards of chicken wire.

Clerk: Haven't you heard? We've gone metric. We sell things by the meter now, not the yard.

Farmer: (Thinks about it) OK, I'd like 10 meters of chicken wire.

Clerk: Right. Is that with one-inch or two-inch mesh?

NOSTALGIA ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

As my wife and I prepared for our garage sale, I came across a painting. Looking at the back, I discovered that I had written "To my beautiful wife on our fifth anniversary. I love you … Keith."

Feeling nostalgic about a gift I'd given her 25 years earlier, I showed it to her, thinking we should rehang the picture.

After gazing at my message for a few seconds, she replied, "You know, I think a black marker would cover over all that so that we could sell it."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LETTER TO GOD

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday.

One little boy wrote, "Dear God, we had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

HOW TO FRIGHTEN INTRUDERS

As I stepped out of the shower, I heard someone in my kitchen downstairs. Knowing that my wife was out, I grabbed my 1903 heirloom rifle—which no longer works—and crept downstairs, forgetting the fact that I was in my birthday suit. I came around the corner with the gun raised, only to find my wife loading the dishwasher.

“What are you doing?” she asked.

“I thought I heard an intruder. I came down to scare him.”

Scanning the contours of my doughy, naked body, she mumbled, “You didn’t need the gun.”

I put this old fridge outside with a sign saying free. Three days and nobody touched it
So I changed the sign to $50, It was stolen that night

CHEM LAB PROCESS

This was a story told to us by our chemistry master at school. A student wished to make some potassium hydroxide solution (aqueous) and decided to throw a large lump of potassium into a bucket of water.

Out of the corner of his eye, the professor observed what the student was about to do and hurried over. After confirming this was what was intended, he asked the student to first to stir the water in the bucket for five minutes before adding the potassium.

Puzzled, the student followed after him to ask the purpose of this action.

"It will give me time to run away," said the professor.

HOW HOT IS IT?

MESSAGE RECEIVED

While in college a continent away from home in the days of pay phones, I would call my parents collect from the pay phone in the dorm. Once I called, and my younger brother Bill answered the phone.

The operator asked him, “Will you accept the charges?”

He answered, “Yes.”

After talking to him for a short time, I asked to talk to our parents, but he said that they were out but planned to be back in an hour.

A little over an hour later I called again, and Bill answered the call.

“Will you accept the charges? asked the operator.

“No,” replied Bill.

A bit surprised, but getting the message that my parents weren’t there, I said, “OK” and hung up.

A couple of seconds later, the pay phone rang, and I answered it. It was the operator who said, “You can’t do that.”

I said, “What can I do? He won’t accept the charges.”

Dog truly is a man's best friend.

My dog licked the crumbs out of my computer keyboard and earned an online college degree.

ALWAYS ASK THE TEACHER

During our computer class, the teacher chastised one boy for talking to the girl sitting next to him.

"I was just asking her a question," the boy said.

"If you have a question, ask me," the teacher tersely replied.

"Okay," he answered. "Do you want to go out with me Friday night?"

A politician will always be there when he needs you. --Ian Walsh

ONLY ONE CALL

The two teenagers were arrested. The police sergeant told them they were entitled to a phone call. Sometime later a man entered the station and asked for them by name.

The sergeant said, "I suppose you're the lawyer?"

"Nope," the chap replied. "I'm just here to deliver their pizza."

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday but never remembers her age. —Robert Frost

**BAD MARKETING--
OR IS IT**

It’s been three months since I bought that book on how to scam people online. It still hasn’t arrived.

DARNED ROMAN NUMERALS

One of my college friends asked a group of us for advice on organizing his final report for the year.

"Why don't you use Roman numerals to head the different sections?" one of them suggested.

"I thought of that," he replied, "but my keyboard doesn't have Roman numerals on it.

“When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.” —Mark Twain

SPRING IN THE NORTHWEST

MOTHER NATURE is just throwing out temperatures like a Power Ball machine: 66 40 24 58 33 43. . . .

CRASH LANDING

My seatmate on a flight was a woman. Ever the charmer, I asked, “Does the airline charge you extra for sitting next to good-looking men?” “Yes,” she said, “but I wasn’t willing to pay.

UNDESERVED INSULT

Our neighbor brought over a delicious homemade meal, eliciting this comment from my daughter: “No offense, Mom, but Kristi’s dinner makes you look like a really bad mother.”

My older daughter quickly jumped to my defense. “Parker, that’s absolutely not true,” she said. “Kristi just makes Mom look like a really bad cook.”

They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad to realize that I'm going to miss mine by just a few days. —Garrison Keillor

QUESTIONS THAT MAKE REFERENCE LIBRARIANS RETIRE

- "Do you have that book by Rushdie: 'Satanic Nurses'?" (Actual title: "Satanic Verses")
- "Where is the reference desk?" This was asked of a person sitting at a desk who had, hanging above her head, a sign saying "REFERENCE DESK"!
- "Can you tell me why so many famous Civil War battles were fought on National Park sites?"
- "Do you have any books with photographs of dinosaurs?"
- "I need to find out Ibid's first name for my bibliography."

ANYBODY
HOME?

Too much of anything is bad. But too much champagne is just right. — Mark Twain

BAD BLIND DATE

After being with his blind date all evening, the man couldn't take another minute with her. Earlier, he had secretly arranged to have a friend call him to the phone so he would have an excuse to leave if something like this happened.

When he returned to the table, he lowered his eyes, put on a grim expression and said, "I have some bad news. My grandfather just died."

"Thank goodness," his date replied. "If yours hadn't, mine would have had to!"

MILITARY CASUALTIES

As I headed into a liquor store, a colonel came out carrying two bags. I snapped to attention and saluted. The colonel responded in kind. The result: the soul-crunching sound of both bags crashing to the sidewalk. As liquor seeped into the gutter, he choked out, “Don’t ever salute me again!”

I KNOW I'M DEAD

An elderly couple are both lying in bed one morning, having just awaken from a good night's sleep.

He takes her hand and she responds, "Don't touch me."

"Why not?" he asks.

She answers back, "Because I'm dead."

Her husband is confused. "What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another."

The wife is adamant, "No, I'm definitely dead."

Her husband insists, "You're not dead. What in the world makes you think you're dead?"

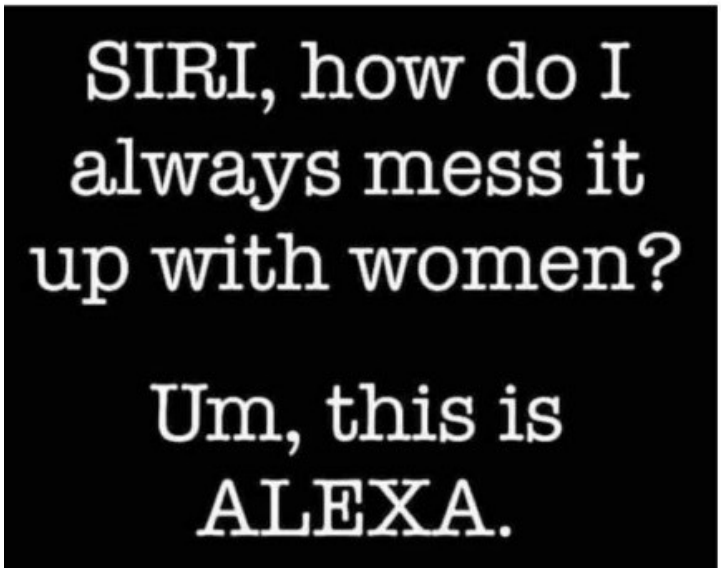
His wife is certain. "I know I'm dead, because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!"

BIRTHDAY CHOICES

After the birth of my son, a woman from the records department stopped by my hospital room to get information for his birth certificate. "Father's date of birth?" she asked. When I told her, she said, "Do you realize that his birthday is exactly nine months before your son's birth?"

"No, I hadn't thought about it," I responded, "but now that you mention it, I have a daughter who turned two a couple days before the same date."

After she finished taking down all the data, she patted my hand and said, "Maybe you should start buying your husband a tie for his birthday."



I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific. -- Lily Tomlin

RESUSCITATE ME

Toward the end of our senior year in high school, we were required to take a CPR course.

The classes used the well-known Resusci manikin victim to practice. Typical of most models, this Resusci manikin was only a torso, to allow for storage in a carrying case.

The class went off in groups to practice.

As instructed, one of my classmates gently shook the doll and asked, "Are you all right?" He then put his ear over the manikin's mouth to listen for breathing.

Suddenly he turned to the instructor and exclaimed,

"He said he can't feel his legs!"

PRO TIP: Fill the pinata with ketchup and you'll never have to host a children's birthday party again. You're welcome.

It is not enough to have every intelligent person in the country voting for me. I need a majority. --Adlai Stevenson

TAKEOVER MANIA

There was a period when our company's ownership was constantly changing hands, resulting in a new name for the business each time. After the latest regime and name change, I said, "We're going to need a new company sign out front." A colleague said, "We don't need a new sign; we need a reader board."

ARMY CONSIDERATION

During World War II, selective service wasn't always so selective. My nearsighted friend went before the draft board to explain just how poor his vision was. "If I lose my glasses, I won't be able to see at all," he told them.

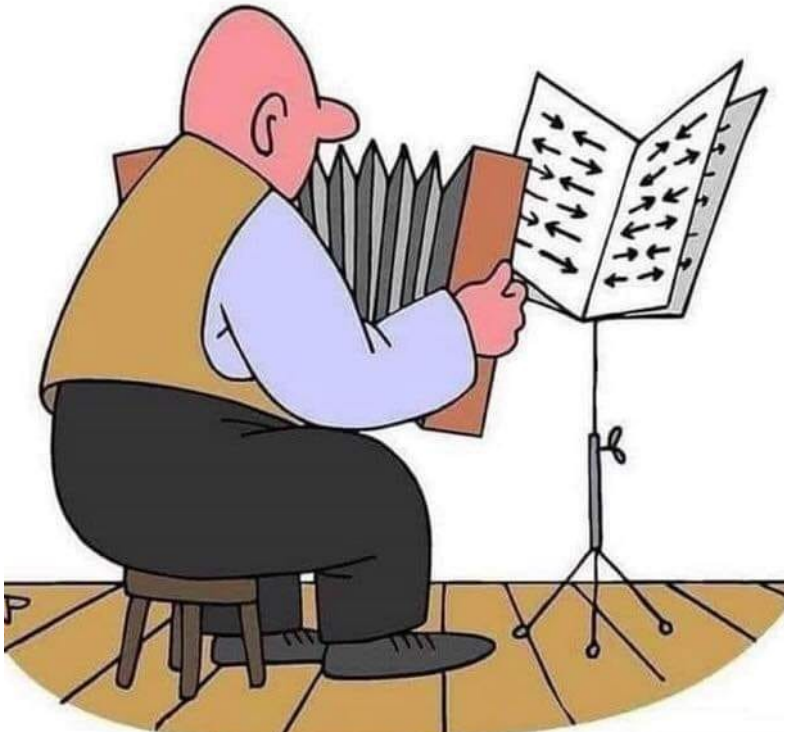
"Don't you worry," replied the sergeant in charge. "When we attack, we'll stick you in front of the battalion. You won't miss a thing."

The key to eating healthy is not eating any food that has a TV commercial.

Lady Gaga is now saying that sometime in 2015 she will actually perform a concert from space. It’s always so much fun when artists do a show in their hometown.

BRIGHT JOB APPLICANT

Who wouldn’t be inspired to hire this young man? If his cover letter is to be believed, he’s eager to light a fire under the most recalcitrant colleague: “I am a motivated, self-igniting person.”



I felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery because the GPS blurted out, “You have reached your final destination.”

I got myself a seniors’ GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it also tells me why I wanted to go there.

HARD TO FIND ITEMS

In the hardware store, a clerk asked, “Can I help you find anything?”

“How about my misspent youth,” joked my husband.

The clerk shot back, “We keep that in the back, between world peace and winning lottery tickets.”

I NEED A VEST LIKE THIS.

How come I can remember my phone number from when I was ten, but not the password I created when I was ten minutes younger.

WATERGATE BUG

A honeymoon couple is in the Watergate Hotel. The new bride is concerned and asked, "What if the place is still bugged?"

The groom says, "Hmm... Good point. I'll look for a bug."

He looks behind the drapes, behind the pictures, under the rug . . . "AHA!" he shouts!

Sure enough, under the rug was a small disc-shaped plate, with four screws. He gets his Swiss army knife, unscrews the screws, throws them and the plate out the window.

The next morning, the hotel manager asks the newlyweds, "How was your room? How was the service? How was your stay at the Watergate Hotel?"

Curious, the groom says, "And why, sir, are you asking me all of these questions?"

The hotel manager says "Well, the room UNDER yours complained of the chandelier falling on them!"

HOW TO AVOID CLUTTER

About a week ago, I came across an Internet advice column that told me how to eliminate the paperwork clutter on my desk.

Great.

So I printed out the five pages of how-to instructions, and placed them on top of the rest of the stuff on my desk. Now I can't find them.

When my wife had to rush to the hospital unexpectedly, she asked me to bring her a few items from home. One item on the list was "comfortable underwear." Worried I'd make the wrong choice, I asked, "How will I know which ones to pick?"

"Hold them up and imagine them on me," she said. "If you smile, put them back."

I just heard that the neighborhood had a meeting about the crazy person on the block. It’s weird that they didn’t invite me.

KIDNAPPED

Most Friday nights at the naval station in Bermuda, we would assemble at the officer's club after work. One Friday, Rick, a newly married ensign, insisted he had to leave at 6 p.m. We all tried to talk him into staying, but he'd promised his bride he'd be home by six. I offered to call home for Rick.

When his wife answered the phone, I said, "Rick has been kidnapped. Put five dollars in small, unmarked bills in a plain brown paper bag and throw it in the door of the officer's club." Then I hung up.

A short time later, a waiter brought a grocery bag to our table. In it were Rick's baseball glove, a tennis racket, and a teddy bear. Attached to the bear was a note: "Rick can play kidnapped until 7 p.m. Then he must come home."

I'M HOME, EARL.
HOW WAS THE SHOPPING?
GOOD. DO YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT I BOUGHT?
OKAY.
AH! VERY NICE! NEW SHOWER CURTAINS!
3/7/20
HOW WAS I TO KNOW IT WAS A DRESS?!

JUST LIKE MOM

A two-and-a-half-year-old walked into the bathroom while her mother was putting on make-up.

"I'm going to look just like you, Mommy!" she announced.

"Maybe, when you grow up," her mother told her.

"No Mommy, tomorrow. I just put on that 'Oil of Old Lady' you always use."

OPPOSITES ATTRACT?

My mother and I were having a mother-daughter talk about the qualities to look for in a husband. She stressed that husband and wife should be as much alike as possible in interests and backgrounds. I brought up the point that opposites often attract.

“Diane,” she said emphatically, “just being man and woman is opposite enough.”

My wife has been missing a week now
Police said prepare for the worst.
So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.
Buddyism

THE SACRIFICER

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, then men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all to safety, so the decided that one had to leave because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to name that person until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.

SORRY FOR ASKING

Last night I ordered a glass of wine with my dinner and the waiter asked for my ID.

I replied, "Do I look that young?"

"No. I just wanted to see whether you qualified for the Senior Citizen discount."

After an enthusiastic recommendation from my wife, I began listening to the audiobook version of Frank McCourt's *Teacher Man*. "I love it, but his writing style is so disjointed," I complained. "He refers to characters I don't know and introduces them a half hour later." My wife was as confused as I was, but I soldiered on, disoriented by the jumpy story line. It wasn't until the end of the book that my dilemma was explained—I had set the iPod to Shuffle.

THANKS MOM

When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?"

Mom smiled and then replied....."Oh, I remember...."

WHY ARE YOU HOLDING THAT SPATULA, EARL?
SPATULA? HUH?...OH, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT, I AM. HMM... WELL, GOOD QUESTION...
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DON'T YOU KNOW?
WELL, NOT TO BRAG, BUT I CAN FORGET WHAT I'M DOING WHILE I'M DOING IT.
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GEORGE AND THE DRAGON INN

A poor vagabond, traveling a country road in England, tired and hungry, came to a roadside Inn with a sign reading: "George and the Dragon."

He knocked gently on the door.

The Innkeeper's wife stuck her head out a window.

"Could ye spare some victuals?" he asked politely.

The woman glanced at his shabby clothes and obviously poor condition. "No!" she said rather sternly.

"Could I just have a pint of ale?"

"No!" she said again.

"Could I at least sleep in your stable?"

"No!" by this time she was fairly shouting.

The vagabond said, "Might I please...?"

"What now?" the woman interrupted impatiently.

"D'ye suppose," he asked, "I might have a word with George?"

My dog was my only friend. I told my wife that every man needs at least two friends, so she bought me another dog. --Henny Youngman

CADDY'S DEDUCTION

Taking advantage of a balmy day in New York, a priest and three other men of the cloth swapped their clerical garb for polos and khakis and time out on the golf course. After several really horrible shots, their caddy asked, "You guys wouldn't be priests by any chance?"

"Actually, yes, we are," one cleric replied. "How did you know?"

"Easy," said the caddy, "I've never seen such bad golf and such clean language!"

DON’T REMOVE SCISSORS—PROBLEM SOLVED

PICK A HUSBAND, ANY HUSBAND

As the hostess at the casino buffet showed me to my table, I asked her to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joining me momentarily. I started to describe him: “He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a potbelly ...” She stopped me there. “Honey,” she said, “today is senior day. They all look like that.”

A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

On an icy, bitter-cold day, Hank visited Lou. “I had a rough time getting here,” said Hank. “For every step forward, I slipped back two.”

“If you slid back two steps for every one you took forward, how’d you get here?” asked Lou.

“I almost didn’t. But then I said to myself, Forget it. So I turned around and started home.”

RUBBED THE WRONG WAY

I was halfway through a meeting with a photocopy salesman, when he suddenly mentioned his wife and children, and how contented he was. I was

puzzled, but let him continue. It was only when I glanced down that I understood his reason for imparting this personal information: The table leg against which I had been rubbing my itchy foot wasn't a table leg at all!

Saying, “Have a nice day,” to someone sounds friendly.
But saying, “Enjoy your next 24 hours,” sounds threatening.

MOST WANTED

An elementary school class goes on a field trip to the police station. The officer points to the 10 MOST WANTED list and tells them that these are the most wanted fugitives in the USA.

A little boy says, “He is the MOST WANTED in the USA?”

“Yes.”

Little boy asks, “Why didn’t you keep him when you took his picture?”

DANGEROUS PARIS STREETS

I’m in Paris driving a Smart car, you know, the very tiny one. But I don’t do it much, because it’s too dangerous. I could get run over by a pedestrian.

Starting Tuesday, September 13, customers will now be required to unload the semi-trucks at Walmart. This will be in addition to your self-checkout duties.

BEST RESPONSE TO A GIFT YOU DON'T LIKE: Gee, I really don't deserve this.

STUDENT CARS BLOCKING SNOW PLOWS

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the intercom: "Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing."

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: "Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 26 cars please return to class."

HOW'S GRANDMA?

As if the declining health of my grandmother weren't enough, my parents suddenly had to contend with an ant infestation. So I was glad to get a text from Mom updating me: "Exterminator was here; thinks she got the nest behind the microwave. She sprayed, and hundreds came out—dead and woozy. Grandma Marie the same."

TOUGH AIRPORT SECURITY

Working as a secretary at an international airport, my sister had an office adjacent to the room where security temporarily holds suspects. One day security officers were questioning a man when they were suddenly called away on another emergency. To the horror of my sister and her colleagues, the man was left alone in the unlocked room. After a few minutes, the door opened and he began to walk out.

Summoning up her courage, one of the secretaries barked, "Get back in there, and don't you come out until you're told!" The man scuttled back inside and slammed the door. When the security people returned, the women reported what had happened. Without a word, an officer walked into the room and released one very frightened telephone repairman.

MILITARY COOKING

During KP duty, my sergeant ordered me to prepare 100 gallons of soup for that night's dinner. When I told him I had no clue how to make soup, he handed me a cookbook and instructed, "Follow the directions carefully." Not long after, I had a large kettle of soup simmering. The sergeant came in, grabbed a spoon, and took a taste. "This is really good," he said. "Are you sure you followed the recipe?"

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?" Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."

As a new paratrooper, I was struck by all the T-shirts on base emblazoned with the motto "Death from above!" Later I noticed a submariner with a T-shirt that declared "Death from below!"

Then, standing in line for chow one day, I was served by an Army cook. His T-shirt had a skull with a crossed fork and spoon underneath and yet another warning: "Death from within!"

RESEARCH PAPER CRITIQUE

Student: I don't understand why my grade was so low. How did I do on my research paper?

Teacher: Actually, you didn't turn in a research paper. You turned in a random assemblage of sentences. In fact, the sentences you apparently kidnapped in the dead of night and forced into this violent and arbitrary plan of yours clearly seemed to be placed on the pages against their will. Reading your paper was like watching unfamiliar, uncomfortable people interacting at a cocktail party that no one wanted to attend in the first place. You didn't submit a research paper. You submitted a hostage situation.

FLORIDA HURRICANE ADVICE

We're about to enter the peak of the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Gulf of Mexico and making two basic meteorological hints:

(1) There is no need to panic.

(2) We could all be killed.

Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Florida. If you're new to the area, you're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one." Based on our experiences, we recommend that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

STEP 1. Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days.

STEP 2. Put these supplies into your car.

STEP 3. Drive to Illinois and remain there until Halloween.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan. Most people will foolishly stay in Florida.

We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE:

If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements:

(1) It is reasonably well-built, and

(2) It is located in Illinois.

Unfortunately, if your home is located in Florida, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay you money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place. So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss.

EVACUATION ROUTE:

If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida," you live in a low-lying area.

HURRICANE SUPPLIES:

If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now. Florida tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of Spam.

In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies: 23 flashlights; at least $167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes off, to be the wrong size for the flashlights. Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. Nobody knows what the bleach is for, but it's traditional, so get some!) A 55-gallon drum of underarm deodorant. A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool.) A large quantity of raw chicken, to placate the alligators. (Ask anybody who went through a hurricane; after the hurricane, there WILL be irate alligators.) $35,000 in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man with no discernible teeth.

Of course these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

Good luck, and remember: its great living in paradise.

"I hate bothering you, but my wife wants to know if she passed her driver's test."

STUCK IN A COMA

After a long and serious operation, Lena ended up in a coma. Try as they might, the doctors just couldn't bring her out of it. When her husband Ralph came into the intensive care unit to see her, the doctors gave him the bad news.

"We just can't wake her. It doesn't look good I'm afraid," the doctor told Ralph in a quiet somber voice.

Ralph looked at Lena and with a soft trembling voice said "But doctor, she's so young. She's only 45."

"37" came the weak reply from Lena.

The man who invented autocorrect should burn in hello.

TRASHY CAREER

“Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?” I asked my friend.

“He wants to be a garbageman,” he replied.

“That’s an unusual ambition to have at such a young age.”

“Not really. He thinks that garbagemen work only on Tuesdays.”

IT’S REALLY TOUGH FOR LUMBERJACKS TO GET A RIDE TO WORK.

LEROY ON THE JOB

Uncle Leroy got a job down at the broom factory.

On his first day the straw boss (floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What is yer name?"

Leroy replied, "Leroy"

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my authority. I refer to all employees by last names; now what is your last name!"

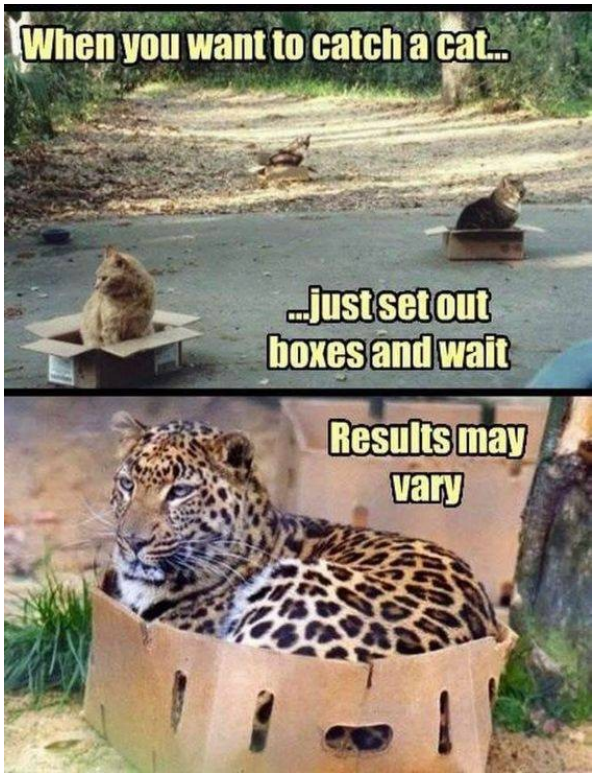
Leroy smiles and says, "Its Darling--Leroy Darling!

The straw boss said "Now, Leroy, the next thing ....."

Snow White and the Six Dwarfs: Now no one is Happy.

CALL THE MEDIC!

I was a medic in the Army. One day, I woke up with terrible back pain. I went to the sick hall, where I was told that I’d be taken to the hospital. After an hour, the captain came over. “Sorry for the delay,” he said. “But we can’t find the ambulance driver.” “Captain,” I said, “I’m the ambulance driver.”



THANKFUL GRANDCHILDREN

Dolly and Ruby, two old ladies were talking about their grandchildren. Dolly said, “Each year I send each of my grandchildren a card with a generous check inside. I never hear from them and never receive a thank you message.”

Rudy replies, “I too send my grandchildren a very generous check. I always hear from them within a week after they receive it. In fact, they each pay me a personal visit.”

“Wow! How come? Remarked Dolly.

“Very simple solution—I don’t sign the check.”

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN TROUBLE WHEN ...

- Your accountant's letter of resignation is postmarked Zurich.
- Your suggestion box starts ticking.
- The simple instructions enclosed aren't.

FRIENDLY MOTORISTS

Which windshield wiper blade always quits first? That's right—the driver's side. This happened to me one day while driving home in the middle of a blinding storm. Unable to see, I pulled over and tried to figure out a

quick fix. I found it in a yellow cotton work glove that was lying on the floor. I wedged the cloth hand under the wiper arm. It did a great job keeping my windshield clear. Not only that— you'd be surprised at how many people waved back.

LOVE YOUR SINGING

Joe's wife likes to sing so she decided to join the church choir. From time to time she would practice while she was in the kitchen preparing dinner. Whenever she would start in on a song, Joe would head outside to the porch.

His wife, with hurt feelings, said, "What's the matter, Joe? Don't you like my singing?"

Joe replied, "Honey, I love your singing, but I just want to make sure the neighbors know I'm not beating you."

I need to re-home a dog. It’s a small terrier, and it tends to bark a lot. If you’re interested, let me know, and I’ll jump over my neighbor’s fence and get it for you.

SNAPPY ANSWER

After catching her five-year-old son Lucas trying to pull a fast one, his mother demanded, “Do you think I have idiot written on my forehead?”

Lucas answered, “I don’t know. I can’t read.”

GIRL, I KNOW YOU HEAR THESE KIDS IN HERE SCREAMING. I’M ABOUT TO BITE ONE.

People who work in customer service should be allowed to fight one customer per day.

AIRBORNE RECRUITING

After enlisting in the 82nd Airborne Division, I eagerly asked my Recruiter what I could expect from jump school.

"Well," he said, "its three weeks long."

"What else," I asked.

"The first week they separate the men from the boys," he said.

"The second week, they separate the men from the fools."

"And the third week?" I asked.

"The third week, the fools jump."

HONEST OUT-OF-OFFICE REPLY

"I'm not in the office right now, but if it's important, tweet me using #YOUAREINTERRUPTINGMYVACATION."

IKEA JOB INTERVIEW

WAYS OF SEEING

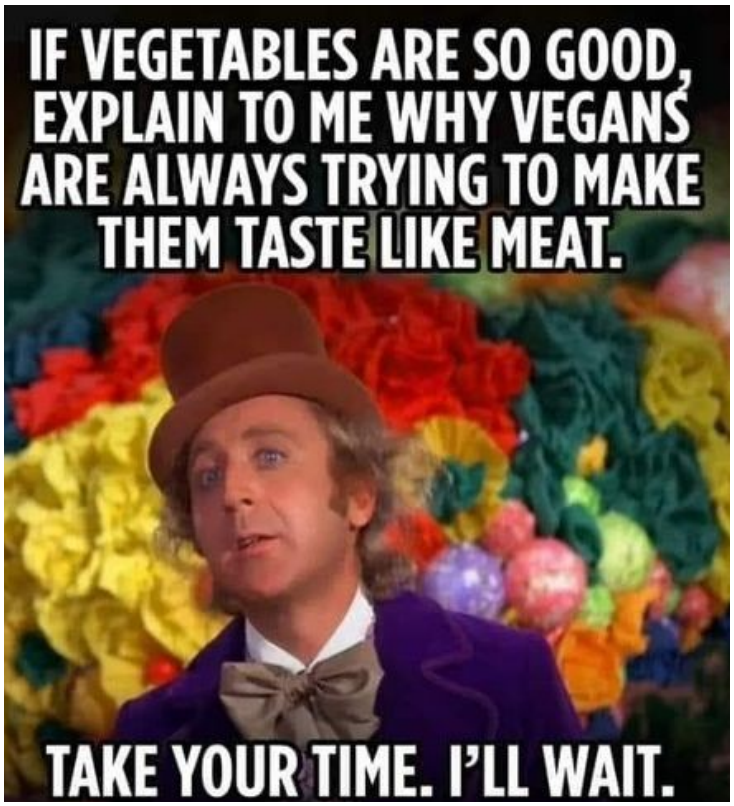
Teenager, Billy lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief but fruitless search, Billy gave up. His mother took up the cause and within minutes she'd found the lens.

"How did you do that?" he asked.

"We weren't looking for the same thing Billy," she explained. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for $150."

I've had a hard time with math especially with multiplying signed numbers. Now I'll stop at nothing to avoid negative numbers.

My wife said that if I don't get off my computer and help with the dishes, she'll slam my head on the keyboard, but I think she's just jokikindfa54a6efre46svs4dfwa65e4fa6c5v4sdf6sad4fwe65d4fa6e5f4sd65f4sD54fasd6f54sdf6e54feff



WELCOME TO PARENTHOOD

If you don't have applesauce or peanut butter on at least 6 surfaces in your home, they will be assigned to you shortly.

WANTED: CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

"Now hiring," read the classified ad. "Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment."

LEGAL ISSUES

Some years ago, my dad, an attorney, took me to a fancy restaurant in New York City. When the bill arrived, there was a $1.50 charge for bread and butter. Dad paid the bill, including the charge for bread and butter. However, the next day, he sent a letter to the restaurant stating that the charge was uncalled for. Enclosed in the same envelope was a bill for $500 in legal services.

Someone from the restaurant called immediately and asked, "What is this $500 bill for? We never ordered any legal services."

Dad replied, "I never ordered any bread and butter."

The $1.50 was returned without delay.

Does it disturb anyone else that “The Los Angeles Angels” baseball team translates directly to “The The Angels Angels”?--*Neil DeGrasse Tyson*

TYPOS IN PAPERS FOR A DANCE CLASS THAT YOU COULD EASILY MISS

- “The costumes were vindictive of the style of dance.”
- “I commend Bill T. Jones for his acts of true kindness and selfishness.”
- “Dancers must have long limps.”
- “At first, I had a hard time understanding and interrupting his movement.”
- “Savion Glover’s purpose is to cross all racial and ethical barriers with his dance.”

CONFUSED

A state trooper heard this plea on his radio: "Does anyone know where I'm at? I'm all screwed up." It was a policeman who had lost his way.

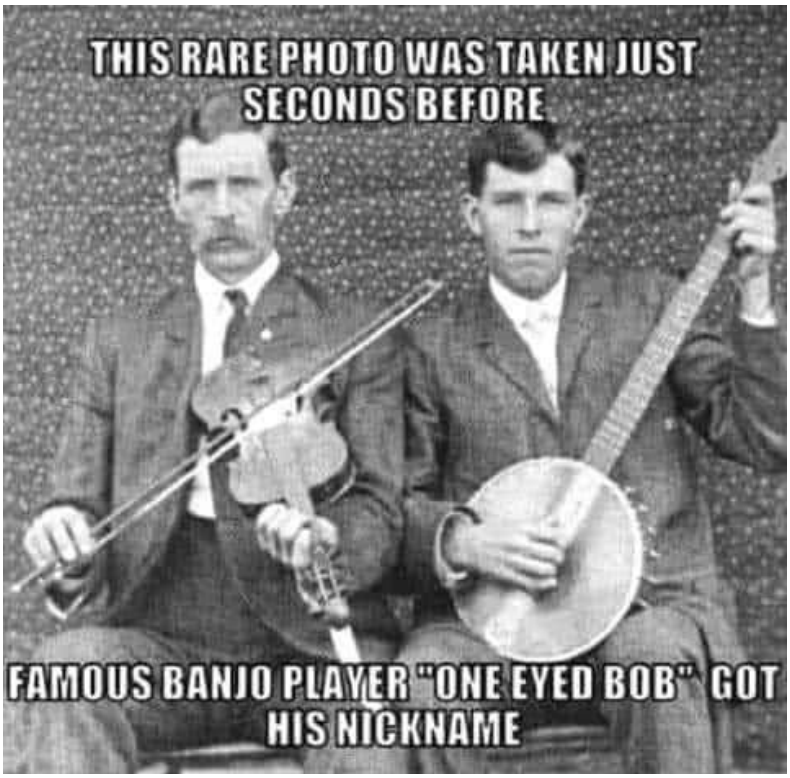
Another voice rang out, bold and authoritative: "Would the officer making that last transmission please identify himself?"

After a short silence, a third unidentified voice said, "He's not that screwed up."

OUT OF TUNE

While driving on the highway, my daughter noticed a child in the window of a car in the next lane, holding up a handwritten sign that read "Help."

A few minutes later, the car passed her and she again glanced at it. The little boy held up the same sign and this time followed it with another, which read "My mother is singing!"



AUTOMATED RESPONSE TO SPAM EMAIL

Thank you for your e-mail. Your credit card has been charged $5.99 for the first ten words and $1.99 for each additional word in your message.

CAN YOU SEE ME?

I'm a counselor who helps coordinate support groups for visually-impaired adults. Many participants have a condition known as macular degeneration, which makes it difficult for them to distinguish facial features.

I had just been assigned to a new group and was introducing myself.

Knowing that many in the group would not be able to see me well, I jokingly said, "For those of you who can't see me, I've been told that I look like a cross between Paul Newman and Robert Redford."

Immediately, one woman called out, "We're not THAT blind!"

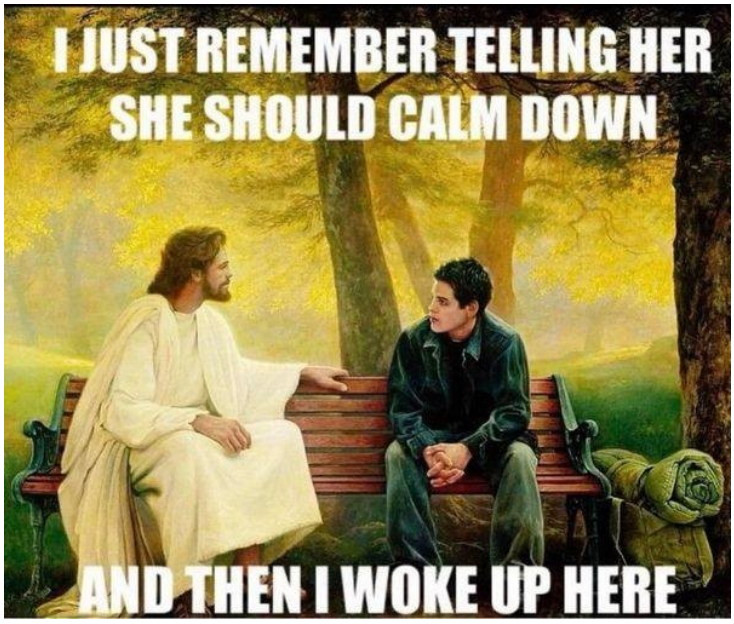
EVEN BETTER THAN EGGPLANT: If you think eggplant is good, you should try any other food; it’s much better. —food critic

PERSPECTIVE

I had just had my 50th birthday and found the decade marker traumatic. When I went to get my driver's license renewed, a matter-of-fact woman typed out the information, tested my vision, snapped the camera and handed me a laminated card with my picture on it.

"You mean I have to look at this for the next four years?" I jokingly said to her.

"Don't worry about it," she replied. "In four years it'll look good to you."



INCREDIBLE RAISE

My sister landed a good job with an accounting firm, and after a while she got a generous raise. The day she found out about it, her husband picked her up from work, and they stopped for ice cream.

As they continued home, my sister blurted out, "Isn't it hard to believe that I have a job that pays this much money?"

Just then, she went to toss the last of her ice cream cone out the window. However, the window was closed, and it smacked against the glass.

Her husband replied calmly, "Yes."

TARGET PRACTICE WITH A MOTIVATOR

I’m thinking of opening a firing range where all the targets are shaped like computers with screens full of pop-up ads.

A TIP FOR YOU

On our commute to work, my husband stopped at a convenience store for coffee. As he got back into the car, I noticed something odd.

"Turn your head and look at me," I said. "You have a Q-tip sticking out of your ear."

As he pulled it out, he replied, "No wonder the guy in there asked me if I was getting good reception."

EMBARASSING SURPRISE

One evening my former boss was getting out of the shower when his wife called, asking him to turn off an iron she had mistakenly left on in the basement before she left for the weekend. Thinking no one would see him, he ran down the stairs into the dark basement without even a towel on.

As he flipped on the light switch, though, he was shocked to hear dozens of people yell "Surprise!" His wife had orchestrated the secret party to celebrate his 40th birthday.

Ate a whole box of thin mints. Didn’t work.

What you don’t want to hear from Tech Support: That’s what we call the “Hindenburg Effect.”

JUST YOUR CUP OF TEA

Mable and Gertrude walked into a diner and sat at a booth. Mable wiped some crumbs from the seat and then took a napkin and wiped some moisture from the table. The waitress came over and asked if they wanted some menus.

“No thanks,” said Mable. “I’ll just have a cup of tea.”

“I’ll have a cup of tea too,” said Gertrude. “And make sure that the cup is clean.”

The waitress marched off into the kitchen and two minutes later, she was back. "Two cups of tea," she announced.

"Which one of you wanted the clean cup?"

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

CELEBRATION

So after winning the game, I decided to throw the ball into the crowd, like they do on TV. Apparently, it’s unacceptable in bowling.

ME ON THE WITNESS STAND

Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?
A: Yes.
Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?
A: I forget.
Q: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?
A: Huh?

WELCOME HOME

I arrived home from work to find all the windows and doors wide open. Apparently, our puppy had had an accident. "Yeah, it really stank," my daughter told me. "In fact, when we first walked in, I thought you had come home early and were cooking dinner."

DIET RECIPE FLAWS

My three sisters and I have weight problems and are always sharing diet tips. One day my oldest sister was showing us a low-fat cookbook and pointed out a chicken dish she had tried the night before. Reading the ingredients, I commented, "It looks like it would taste really bland."

"It did," she replied, "until I added cheese and sour cream."

This was one of the best laughs in years! I followed this guy home for three blocks to his house to tell him he was about to lose a pipe wrench that was on his bumper. He told me your going to hate me for this and went and kicked it! It had been welded on his bumper and explained to me that it took care of all the 65 mile an hour tailgaters! I busted out laughing and ask for a picture

MIT PHD

There's the story about the MIT student who spent an entire summer going to Harvard football field every day wearing a black and white striped shirt. Each day he was seen walking up and down the field for ten or fifteen minutes throwing birdseed all over the field, blowing a whistle and then walking off the field.

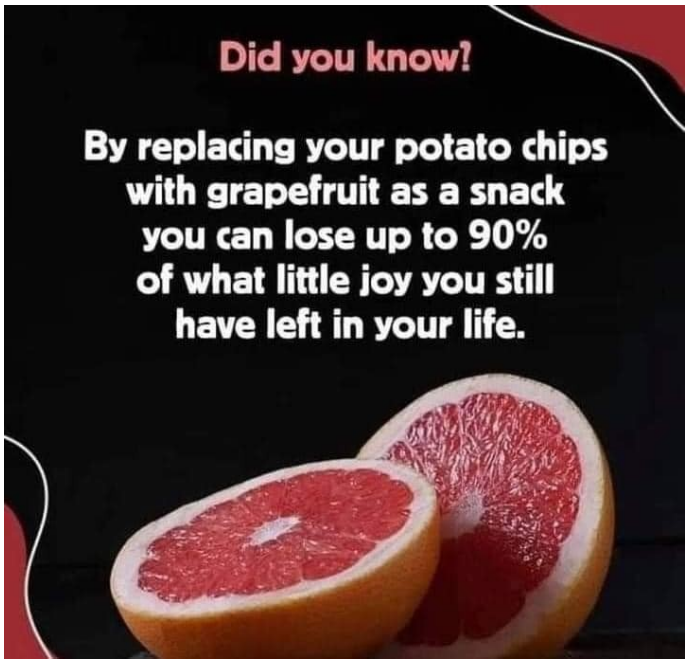
At the end of the summer, it came time for the first Harvard home football game.

When the referee walked onto the field and blew his whistle, the game had to be delayed for half an hour to wait for the birds to get off the field.

The guy wrote his thesis on this and graduated.

UNDERSTATED CRASH REPORT

As he reviewed pilot crash reports, my Air Force military science professor stumbled upon this entry: "After catastrophic engine failure, I landed long. As I had no power, the landing gear failed to deploy and no braking was available. I bounced over the stone wall at the end of the runway, struck the trailer of a truck while crossing the perimeter road, crashed through the guardrail, grazed a large pine tree, ran over a tractor parked in the adjacent field, and hit another tree. Then I lost control."


Did you know?
By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

FIRE TEST

Joey and his classmates had just finished a tour of the local fire hall. Before each student could leave, the fire chief quizzed him.

The fire chief asked little Joey, "What do you do if your clothes catch on fire?"

Joey replied promptly, "I don't put them on."

DEFINITION: Tradition: (n.) Peer pressure from dead people.

I wish people were like Internet videos and you could tap them lightly to see a clock of how much longer they're going to be talking.

LOST IN TRANSLATION

During a high school visit to France, I stayed with a French family. One night, I was unsure what the meat on my dinner plate was, so I pointed to it and asked in my best 11th-grade French: "Qui est-ce?"

The family's expressions told me I needed some tutoring. Instead of asking "What is it?" as I had intended, I'd asked "Who is it?"

FLYING ANSWERING MACHINE

In good weather, my friend Mark always let his yellow-napped Amazon parrot, Nicky, sit on the balcony of his tenth-floor apartment. One morning, Nicky flew away, much to Mark's dismay. He searched and called for the bird, with no luck.

The next day when Mark returned from work, the phone rang. "Is this Mark?" The caller asked. "You're going to think this is crazy, but there's a bird outside on my balcony saying, 'Hello, this is Mark.' Then it recites this phone number and says, 'I can't come to the phone right now, but if you will leave a message at the tone, I will call you back.'"

Nicky's cage had been kept in the same room as Mark's answering machine.

FLYING OUT THEIR BAG LIMIT

[“Goober” is an all-purpose term to avoid offending those who are often the butt of jokes.]

Two Goober hunters got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful in their venture, and bagged six big bulls. The pilot came back as arranged to pick them up.

They started loading their gear into the plane, including the six elk.

But the pilot objected he said, "The plane can take out only four of your elk. You will have to leave two behind."

One of the hunters pushed forward, "Hey, last year our pilot let us take out six elk. It was the same model plane, same weather conditions, and everything. What's with this? We want you to allow us to fly out just like last year.

Reluctantly the pilot finally permitted them to put all six elk aboard and the men all climbed in with their gear. But when they attempted to take off and fly out of the valley, the little plane could not make it. They crashed in the wilderness.

Climbing out of the wreckage, one Goober said to the other, "Do you know where we are?"

"I think so," replied the other Goober.

"Yep! I think this is about 100 yards further along than where we crashed last year!"

COVERING THE BIRD

We visited our newly married daughter, who was preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner. I noticed the turkey thawing in the kitchen sink with a dish drainer inverted over the bird. I asked why a drainer covered the turkey.

Our daughter turned to my wife and said, “Mom, you always did it that way.” “Yes,” my wife replied, “but you don’t have a cat!”

CRIME IS GETTING MORE AND MORE ORGANIZED.

“I think youngsters need to start thinking about what kind of world they are going to leave for me and Keith Richards.”—Willie Nelson

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

If you’re sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, “Did you bring the money?”

AUTOCORRECT STRIKES AGAIN

I tried to type that I'm a “functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult." That may be more accurate.

OPERA

Our cat, Figaro, comes home between 10 or 11 at night to eat. If he's late, I turn on the carport light and call him until he appears.

One day my daughter was explaining to a friend where we live, and her friend said, "Is that anywhere near the house where the woman stands on her steps late at night and sings opera?"

YOU NEED A NEW CAR WHEN ...

- You pull over to let a fire truck go by, and it stops behind you.
- You have to go to a repair center every thousand miles to get the duct tape replaced.

- The only thing holding your bumper on is the "Dukakis/Bentsen '88" sticker.
- Evel Knievel refuses a free lift.
- The valet puts on a crash helmet and full-body armor before parking your car.
- The guys at the repair shop refer you to Dr. Kevorkian.

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. --Bob Hope

Our 16-year-old grandson James, who just had started high school and had just gotten his driver's license, was praised by his former middle-school teacher who said that the best part of the teachers' activities before the school year was James' playing drums for the faculty. She added that just after that she saw him driving a huge tractor around the neighbor's farm.

My wife said that it sounded like the beginning of the worst country-western song.

When you've been flashing lights for 5 minutes to tell him that his cow is going to fall and you finally realize that the door is closed
48' T-236
Guida's
Asylum Street

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

UP YOUR INSULT GAME:

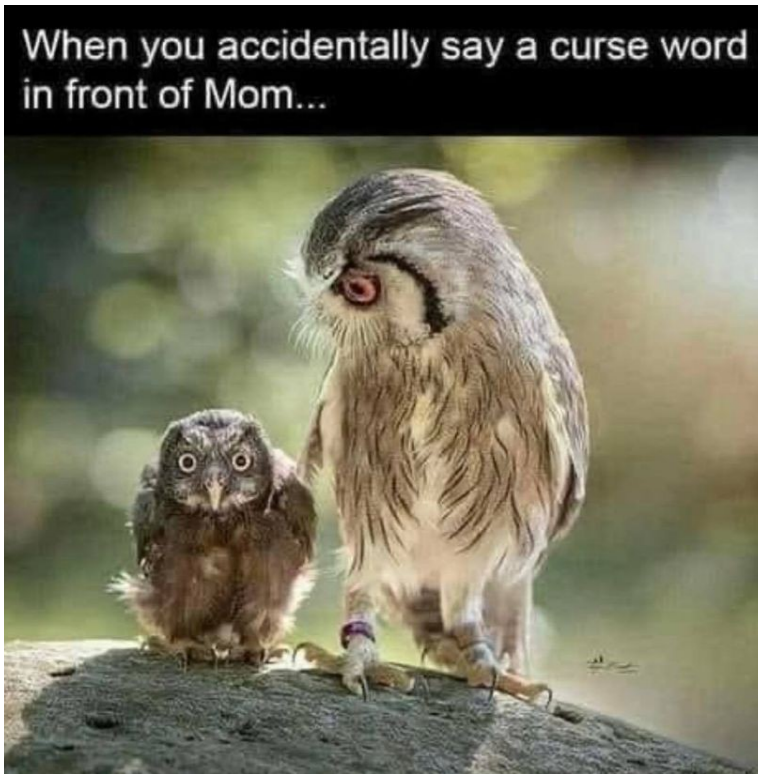
These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

1. "He had delusions of adequacy.” Walter Kerr
2. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.”- Winston Churchill
3. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure. - Clarence Darrow
4. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it.” - Moses Hadas
5. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.” - Mark Twain
6. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.” - Oscar Wilde
7. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here” - Stephen Bishop
8. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator.” - John Bright
9. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial.” - Irvin S. Cobb
10. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others.” - Samuel Johnson
11. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. - Paul Keating
12. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him.” - Forrest Tucker
13. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?” - Mark Twain
14. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork.” - Mae West
15. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.” - Oscar Wilde
16. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination.” - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
17. "He has Van Gogh's ear for music.” - Billy Wilder
18. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it.” - Groucho Marx
19. "He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln
20. "There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure." -- Jack E. Leonard

21. "They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." -- Thomas Brackett Reed

22. "He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them."--James Reston (about Richard Nixon)—Robert L Truesdell

23. I never forget a face—but in your case, I'll be glad to make an exception. —Groucho Marx



SETTING UP A BRIGADE

My brother and I arrived at boot camp together. On the first morning, our unit was dragged out of bed by our drill sergeant and made to assemble outside. "My name's Sergeant Jackson," he snarled. "Is there anyone here who thinks he can whip me?"

My six-foot-three, 280-pound brother raised his hand and said, "Yes, sir, I do."

Our sergeant grabbed him by the arm and led him out in front of the group. "Men," he said, "this is my new assistant. Now, is there anyone here who thinks he can whip both of us?"

My wife just stopped and said, “You weren’t even listening, were you?”
I thought, “That’s a pretty weird way to start a conversation.”

LATEST NEWS FROM BRITISH PAPERS

- Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."--The Daily Telegraph

- Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. --The Guardian

- At the height of the gale, the harbormaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. --Aberdeen Evening Express

- A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common."--The Times

A young woman was pulled over for speeding. A Pennsylvania State Trooper walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book. She said, “I bet you are going to try to sell me a ticket to the Pennsylvania Troopers’ Ball.”

He replied, “Pennsylvania State Troopers don’t have balls.”

There was a moment of silence. He closed his ticket book, tipped his hat, got back into his patrol car and left.

FUN TIMES

After we had lunch with another couple, the women went shopping, and the men opted to go sailing. Bad decision—a storm blew in while we men were out on the water.

Making matters worse, the tide had gone out, grounding the boat. We had to climb overboard and shove it back into deep water.

As my friend stood there—ankles deep in muck, muscles straining against the weight of the boat, and rain pelting his face—he grinned broadly and with unmistakable sincerity said, "Sure beats shopping!"

SECURITY DOG

My sister-in-law, a truck driver, had decided to get a dog for protection. As she inspected a likely candidate, the trainer told her, "He doesn't like men."

Perfect, my sister-in-law thought, and took the dog.

Then one day she was approached by two men in a parking lot, and she watched to see how her canine bodyguard would react. Soon it became clear that the trainer wasn't kidding. As the men got closer, the dog ran under the nearest car.

OLIVE OIL

Trying to control my dry hair, I treated my scalp with olive oil before washing it. Worried that the oil might leave an odor, I washed my hair several times.

That night when I went to bed, I leaned over to my husband and asked, "Do I smell like olive oil?"

"No," he said, sniffing me.

"Do I smell like Popeye?"

Y’all better enjoy your 20s, 30’s and 40s. Because in your 50’s the check engine light is gonna come on.

SNORER

My husband talks in his sleep. Unfortunately, he also snores, so I sometimes give him the wifely elbow.

"What?!" he demanded one night, still mostly asleep.

"Turn over—you're snoring," I said.

He did as instructed and while doing so muttered, "That's nothing; you should hear my wife snore."

GETTING IN SHAPE

When my new fitness trainer asked me, “What kind of squat are you accustomed to doing?” I answered, “Diddly.”

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

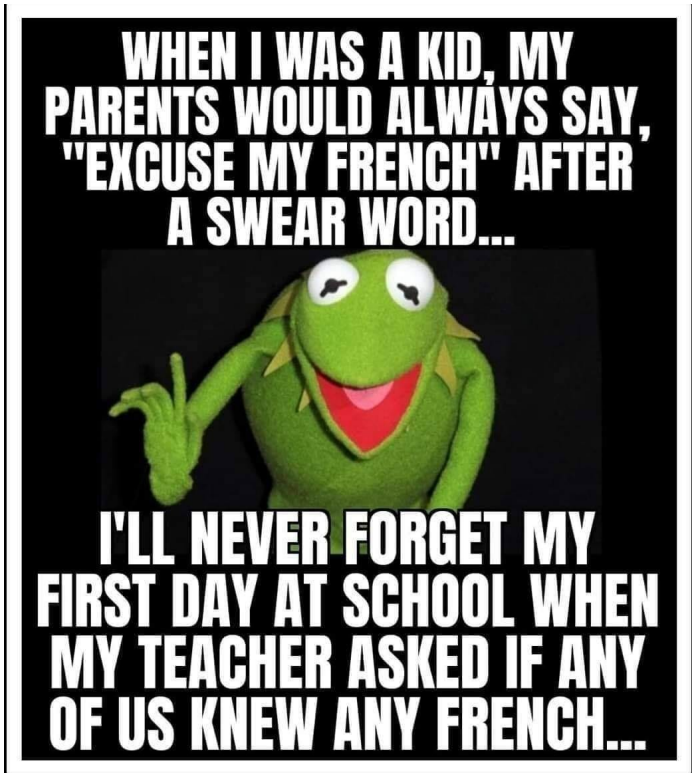
New Windows Error Message: Press any key except... no, No, NO, NOT THAT ONE!

On a Facebook page for beginning artists, one asked, “Any suggestions for painting dogs?”

Another responded, “Wait till they’re asleep.”

DINNER CALL

When my daughter and I caught only one perch on our fishing trip—not enough for even a modest lunch—we decided to feed it to her two cats. She called the cats, put our catch in their dish, and watched as the two pampered pets sniffed at the fish but refused to eat it. Thinking quickly, my daughter then picked up the dish, walked over to the electric can opener, ran it for a few seconds, then put the fish back down. The cats dug right in.


WHEN I WAS A KID, MY PARENTS WOULD ALWAYS SAY, "EXCUSE MY FRENCH" AFTER A SWEAR WORD...
I'LL NEVER FORGET MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL WHEN MY TEACHER ASKED IF ANY OF US KNEW ANY FRENCH...

ACCEPT THE RULES OF THE GAME

At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his young players, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes.

"So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

PARDON MY FRENCH

The homework assignment for my Spanish class was to write a paragraph. When I returned their papers, I asked one student if he had used Google Translate or any other online translator to write his paper.

He categorically denied doing so.

That led to my next question: “Then why is this in French?”

HOW TO QUIT THE GYM

Everyone vows to join a gym and go three days a week. Yeah, right. A woman once called me at the health club where I used to work. "I got a note saying it was time for me to renew my membership," she said. "As much as I love to work out, I don't think I'll renew."

"Fine," I said, "but you'll have to come down here to fill out forms."

After a long pause—"Umm, where are you located?"

My fridge when I'm trying to figure out something to eat
My fridge when I'm trying to figure out where to put my groceries
CHEESECAKE

I've learned two very important lessons in my life.

I can't recall the first one, but the second one is that I need to start writing things down.

CORPORATE LISTENING

The company I worked for sent out memos to announce an employee suggestion competition, the entire staff was asked to submit entries that would save money for the firm.

The winner was a man who suggested the company save paper by posting corporate memos on bulletin boards, instead of printing 200 individual copies for distribution.

He won a helium balloon with the company logo and one share of stock.

The next week memos announcing the winner went out to 200 people.

If people say they just love the smell of books, I always want to pull them aside and ask, "To be clear, do you know how reading works?"

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my casket and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

PUBLISH THOSE SERMONS!

After a particularly inspiring worship service, a church member greeted the pastor. "Reverend, that was a wonderful sermon. You should have it published."

The pastor replied, "Actually, I'm planning to have all my sermons published posthumously."

"Great!" enthused the church member. "The sooner the better!"

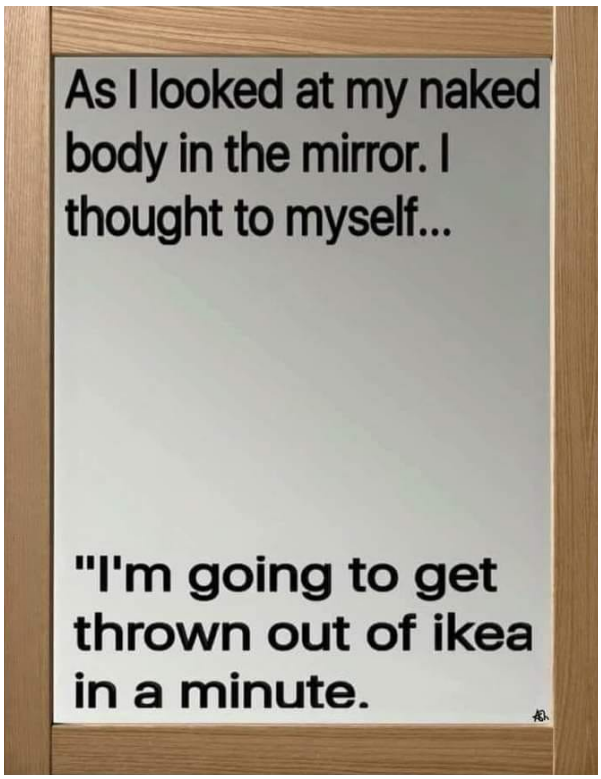
You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. --Woody Allen

SURPRISE PARTY

In honor of my brother's retirement from the police force, my sister-in-law decided to throw a surprise party for him. Plans made in secrecy over a two-month period included catering and entertainment decisions as well as

travel accommodations for over 100 friends and relatives from around the country.

At the party, my brother stood up to address his guests. As he looked around the room at everyone who had secretly gathered on his behalf, he shook his head and said, "After 25 years on the police force, I finally know why I never made detective."



WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

On a street, where the speed is limited to 30 mph the police stop a driver.

"Not only have you been driving too fast, you've been passing cars where it is not allowed. Your lights don't work, your tires all completely worn out. This is surely going to cost you a lot. What's your name?"

"Schtrathewisizeski Vocgefastilongchinic."

"Well, I'll let you go this time but don't do it again."

ROCKSTAR LIFE

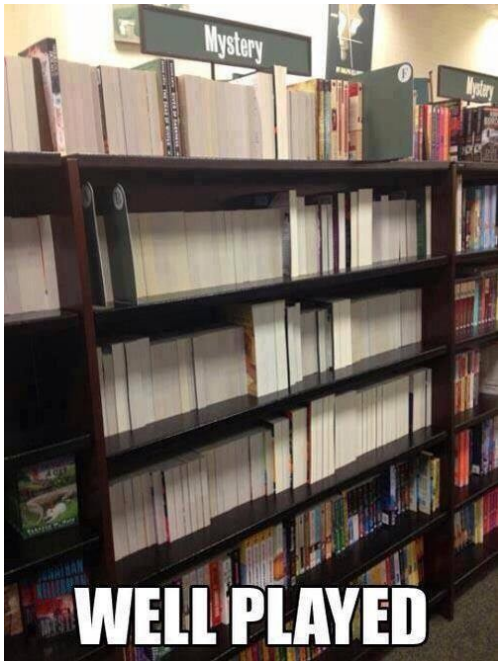
The band Kings of Leon cut short a concert after pigeons bombarded them with poop. Bass player Jared Followill couldn't say how many birds there were. "The last thing I was going to do was look up," he told CNN.

CLUELESS

My husband is wonderful with our baby daughter, but often turns to me for advice. Recently I was in the shower when he poked his head in to ask, "What should I feed Lily for lunch?"

"That's up to you," I replied. "There's all kinds of food. Why don't you pretend I'm not home?"

A few minutes later, my cell phone rang. I answered it to hear my husband saying, "Yeah, hi, honey. Uh…what should I feed Lily for lunch?"



COAST GUARD TO THE RESCUE

Many years ago before the days of cell phones and data, a friend, driving home from a fishing trip in northern Michigan with his boat in tow, had engine trouble a few miles inland from Lake Huron. He didn't have a CB radio in his car, so he decided to use his marine radio to get help. Climbing into his boat, he broadcast his call letters and asked for assistance.

A Coast Guard officer responded, "Please give your location."

"I'm on Interstate-75, two miles south of Standish."

The officer paused, "Could you repeat that?"

"I-75, two miles south of Standish."

A longer pause. Then an incredulous voice asked, "How fast were you going when you hit shore?"

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. -- Will Rogers

VISITING ANGELS OF BROOKFIELD, CT

A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Brooklyn and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better."

One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

LOOK AT YOU, ROSCOE. ALL YOU DO IS LIE AROUND THE HOUSE.
LOOK...YOU LEAVE YOUR THINGS ALL OVER FOR ME TO PICK UP.
AND YOU WHINE WHEN YOUR DINNER ISN'T READY WHEN YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE.
I SWEAR YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE MAN IN A FUR COAT.
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ADVICE: I tell you that worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.

PARTY ADVICE

A doctor and a lawyer were talking at a party. Their conversation was constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice.

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asked the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?"

"I give it to them," replied the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill."

The doctor was shocked, but agreed to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepared the bills. When he went to place them in his mailbox, he found a bill from the lawyer.

I always wanted to be somebody, but I guess I should've been more specific. —Lily Tomlin

DAUGHTER: Dad, I have a flat tire!
DAD: Can’t you call your husband?
DAUGHTER: I tried, but he didn’t answer.
DAD: Don’t you have a spare?

DAUGHTER: I do, but he didn’t answer either.

My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of them were just napping. --Rita Rudner

DIET TIP

A great way to lose weight is to eat while you are naked and standing in front of a mirror. Restaurants will always throw you out before you can eat too much.

Here's something to think about: How come you never see a headline like "Psychic Wins Lottery"? —Jay Leno

AND THE BEST CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO . . .

DIFFICULTY WAKING UP

One day a man took the train from Paris to Frankfurt. When he got in, he said to the ticket man: "Sir. I really need you to do me a favor, I have to get out of this train in Mannheim, but I'm very tired and it is for sure that I will fall asleep. So what I want you to do is that you wake me up in Mannheim because I have to close a business deal there and it is very important for me. Here you have 100 francs for the favor. But I warn you to know

sometimes when people wake me up, I get really violent, but no matter what I do or say you got to get me out of this train in Mannheim. Is that clear?"

So the ticket man agreed and took the 100 francs.

Later as the man had said he fall asleep, and, when he woke up, he realized that he was in Frankfurt. He was so mad at the ticket man that he ran over and started yelling at him. "Are you STUPID or something??? I paid you 100 francs so that you wake me up in Mannheim. And you didn't I want my money back."

While the man was yelling at the ticket guy, two other guys who were also in the train were looking at them. One turned to the other and said, "Look at this guy he is mad!"

Guy 2 replied, "Yeah, almost as mad as the guy they made get out of the train in Mannheim."

BIG BOY

When my wife was about to have our first baby, we brought a tape recorder to the delivery ward to capture the sounds of the birth, the baby's first cry and our doctor's voice saying, "It's a boy!" or "It's a girl!" We intended to use the tape as a fun message on our answering machine to help announce the birth to friends and relatives.

My wife's labor went relatively smoothly and, when it seemed appropriate, I inserted the blank tape and began recording. Shortly thereafter, our baby was born and we all heard the first cry. The doctor held up the baby and, with tape rolling, loudly proclaimed, "Wow, will you look at the scrotum on him!"

HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD KITTY TODAY, MUFFY?
YES, YOU HAVE BEEN A GOOD KITTY, HAVEN'T YOU?
1/5
DID YOU SEE HOW SHE TALKS TO THE CAT?
SHE THINKS THAT CAT ACTUALLY KNOWS WHAT SHE'S SAYING!

I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY

Yesterday I was at my local TSC store buying a large bad of my dog's food for my loyal livestock guard dog and was in the checkout, when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think—I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, in impulse I told her that, no, I didn't have a dog but was starting the Dog Food Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 pounds before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete, so it works well, and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told here, no, I stepped off the curb to sniff an Irish Setter's rear end, and a car hit me.

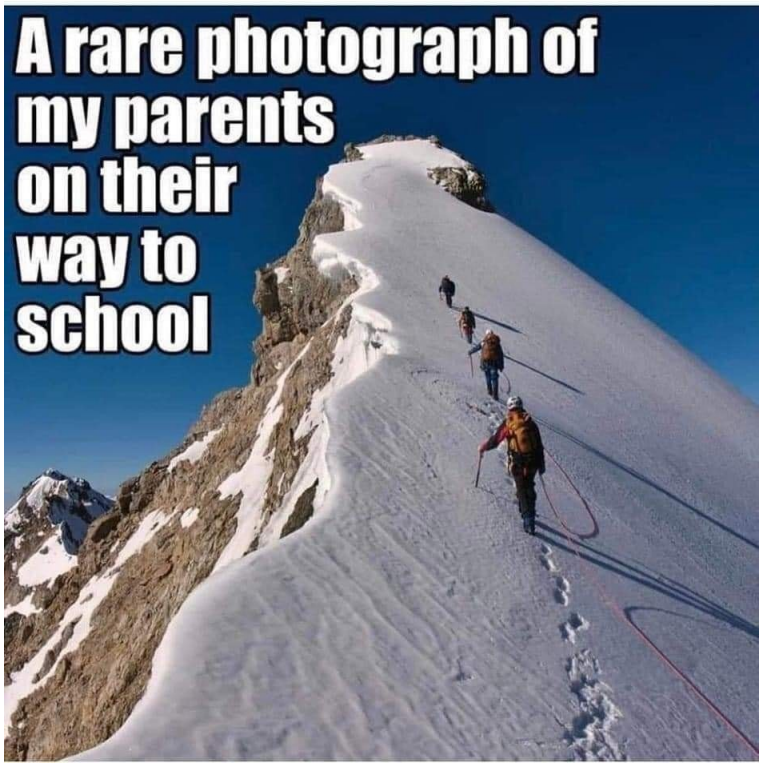
I though the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack because he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Tractor Supply.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of things to say.

CHOCOLATE PUMICE

As a dentist, I recently tried out a new chocolate-flavored pumice paste on my patients. No one liked it except for a six-year-old boy. While I polished his teeth, he continued to smile and lick his lips. "You must really like this new flavor," I said.

"Yep," he replied, nodding with satisfaction. "It tastes just like the time I dropped my candy bar in the sandbox."



FRUITLESS JOB SEARCH

Catherine, a RN, was unhappy with her job, so she submitted her resignation. She was sure she'd have no trouble finding a new position, because of the nursing shortage in her area.

She e-mailed cover letters to dozens of potential employers and attached her resume to each one. Two weeks later, Catherine was dismayed and bewildered that she had not received even one request for an interview.

Finally she received a message from a prospective employer that explained the reason she hadn't heard from anyone else.

It read: "Your resume was not attached as stated. I do, however, want to thank you for the vegetable lasagna recipe."

My wife told me I should work on being less condescending. (“Condescending” means talking down to people.)

SPECIALTY MEDICAL DEVICE

When a woman called 911 complaining of difficulty breathing, my husband, Glenn, and his partner—both EMTs—rushed to her home. Glenn placed a sensor on her finger to measure her pulse and blood oxygen. Then he began to gather her information. "What's your age?" he asked.

"Fifty-eight," answered the patient, eyeing the beeping device on her finger. "What does that do?"

"It's a lie detector," said Glenn with a straight face. "Now, what did you say your age was?"

"Sixty-seven," answered the woman sheepishly.

PROBLEM WITH BUSSES

A woman had a problem with her wardrobe door in the bedroom. Every time a bus passes outside the house, the door of the wardrobe, would fall

off. She called a repairman to try to fix the problem. The repairman come and sees that indeed the door did fall off every time a bus passed by.

"Okay," said the repairman, "I'm going to step inside the wardrobe, you close the door behind me, and I'll see if I can detect what the problem is." He steps into the wardrobe, and the woman closes the door behind him.

At this point the husband unexpectedly arrives home and finds his wife in the bedroom talking to someone. He rushes upstairs, opens the wardrobe door, sees the repairman, and shouts, "What the hell are you doing in there?"

The repairman meekly replies, "Well, believe it or not, I'm waiting for a bus."

True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country. --Kurt Vonnegut

DOG TEMPERAMENT TEST

At a workshop on dog temperament, the instructor noted that a test for a canine's disposition was for an owner to fall down and act hurt. A dog with poor temperament would try to bite the person, whereas a good dog would lick his owner's face or show concern.

Once, while eating pizza in the living room, I decided to try out this theory on my two dogs. I stood up, clutched my heart, let out a scream and collapsed on the floor.

The dogs looked at me, glanced at each other and raced to the coffee table for my pizza.